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Two held as Yard foil IRA bombing plan

By Stewart Tandler and Ian Smith

Senior Scotland Yard detectives believe a new Provisional IRA bombing campaign in mainland Britain has been foiled with the discovery yesterday of explosives and firearm caches buried in secluded Cheshire woods.

Police also believe they have captured part of an active service unit forming in Britain for what would have been the first IRA attacks since the Brighton bombing in October 1984.

The bomb-making equipment would apparently have formed part of a lengthy, heavyweight campaign, but police do not have any clues to the potential targets.

The discoveries were made at the end of a two-week undercover surveillance operation by the Yard and Greater Manchester Police, which culminated with the ambush and arrest of two men on a quiet Manchester street.

Yesterday the two men were taken to London, questioned at the high security section of Paddington Green police station and brought before Lambeth Magistrates' Court in south London charged on three counts involving explosives and arms.

The high explosives haul is

one of the largest finds ever made in mainland Britain, totalling between 100lb and 200lb. The bomb-making materials are said to be sophisticated and are thought to include timing equipment for setting long-running devices.

Special Branch officers have discovered three similar caches in recent years, hidden in Salcey Forest and Annesley Wood in the Midlands and at Pangbourne, Berkshire. These finds led to a number of convictions.

The caches were hidden in Trenta Back Wood — part of Macclesfield Forest within the Peak District National Park — and in Delamere Forest near Winsford. Both spots are south of Manchester, either side of the M6 and about 20 miles apart.

Four weapons — rifles and handguns — were found.

The explosives are described as Semtex, which is an eastern European military variety. This type of explosive was used in the suitcase bomb which Nizar Hindawi, a Palestinian terrorist, tried to plant on an El Al jet at Heathrow last year via his girl friend.

The police operation began two weeks ago with a tip-off to the Special Branch. An operation was set up involving an undercover unit keeping watch on a number of suspects.

On Thursday armed police arrested two men in a confrontation in Manchester. Wearing battledress and carry-

ing shotguns and pistols, the police team forced a Ford Sierra car containing two men to slow across Brantingham Road in the Whalley Grange area.

Both occupants of the vehicle were pulled out, flung against a wall and shotguns held at their back as they were searched.

While the arrest took place a second police team raided a house. After the arrests the men were driven from Manchester under armed police escort.

The arrests in Brantingham Road were witnessed by residents. One, Mr Bob Baron, said: "I saw a couple of men in battledress waving pistols as they directed traffic around the incident. It was unbelievable."

Another resident, who asked not to be named, said: "I saw a Ford Sierra slowed across the road and an unmarked blue police van alongside it. Then I saw a man pinned against a wall with a pistol in his back."

"The street where all this happened is a quiet suburban road and it was a shock seeing shotguns and pistols brandished."

After the arrests the Yard and Greater Manchester officers contacted the Cheshire force and discovered the two caches, which were still being examined last night.

The IRA has begun using countryside hiding places because safe houses in urban areas have been found to be too risky. The material is usually water-proofed and buried in a metal container.

Tory MP accuses Speaker of bias

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Commons "dirty tricks" dispute escalated yesterday with a Conservative MP accusing the Speaker of not being even-handed in the war of words between the Government and Labour members.

Mr Richard Hickmet, MP for Southrop, found himself embroiled in a bitter controversy, and disowned by his party, for questioning the impartiality of Mr Bernard Weatherill.

The dispute arose from a statement outside the Commons in which Mr Hickmet said that since the last election the Labour party had mounted a sustained attack on the character of the Prime Minister, her integrity, honesty, patriotism and style of government.

"The Speaker has allowed that to happen and has not lifted a finger to stop it. The campaign has been co-ordinated and conducted with the knowledge of the Leader of the Opposition, and in certain cases, with his assistance and participation."

"Why is it then, as soon as a campaign is mounted against him, attacking his honesty, integrity, loyalty, patriotism

and style of opposition, that the Speaker intervenes?"

Mr Alan Williams, deputy shadow leader of the Commons, asked in the House what action could be taken to protect the Speaker "from such verbal shoggy by junior and petulant MPs."

Mr David Waddington, a Home Office minister, said that if the report of Mr Hickmet's comments were in the latest poll of voting intentions in the Greenwich by-election, carried out by NOP for the Evening Standard last night gave the Labour party a 5% lead, with 40 percentage points compared to 35 for the Alliance and 23 for the Conservatives.

any way correct "then the Government would deplore them."

Mr Kinnoch said in Bristol yesterday that there had been a catalogue of attacks from the Conservative party this week "which are the desperate tactics of a party that is running scared."

Mrs Thatcher, interviewed in Yorkshire, said that she had been the target of abuse almost since becoming party leader. "I just sat and took it."

Death of black man sparks rioting

By Craig Seton

The death of a young black man who collapsed after a violent struggle with two police officers led to rioting in the centre of Wolverhampton yesterday.

Nearly 100 youths attacked shops after the man, aged about 22, collapsed and died in a fashion shop where he was being arrested for using a stolen credit card.

Dozens of policemen, some in riot gear, were drafted into the area to quell the disorder

which flared at about 1pm. Thirteen people were arrested and later charged with public order offences.

Community leaders were called to the area, and Mr Geoffrey Dear, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, requested a senior officer from another force to investigate.

The man had entered the Next fashion store in Dudley Street and attempted to buy clothes with a credit card. The manager called police.

Superintendent Martin Burton, of West Midlands police,



Graham Cook, awarded record damages of £850,000 yesterday, with Mrs Tricia Stephenson

£850,000 record damages

By Howard Foster

A man who is to receive record damages of £850,000 because an industrial accident paralysed him and left him unable to talk, plans to marry his nurse. He proposed by computer — his only means of communication since the accident.

Mr Graham Cook, aged 34, inhaled highly-toxic fumes during a routine industrial process and had become "a prisoner in his own body". Bristol High Court was told.

Mr Cook, of Horton Road, Gloucester, who was in a coma for four months, was paralysed in all four limbs and could only move his head and eyes. His sight was also impaired.

After the hearing, Mr Cook announced that he was to marry Mrs Tricia Stephenson, who has nursed him since the coma.

The award was made against Berc Micro Batteries, of Banbury, Oxfordshire, who were held by Mr Justice Swinton-Thomas to have been negligent in failing to warn Mr Cook's employers that a consignment of batteries had been treated with iron sulphides.

No blame for the accident, which occurred five years ago, was attached to Mr Cook.

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Children hurt as trains crash

Seven schoolchildren were slightly injured last night after a goods train hit an express train at Chintley in the Derbyshire Peak District.

British Rail launched an immediate investigation into the crash — the two trains were travelling in the same direction and collided as they converged on a single track.

About 100 children were badly shaken.

Reagan 'endorsed kidnap of terrorist suspects abroad'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan secretly authorized the CIA to kidnap suspected terrorists overseas and bring them back to the US for trial, according to Administration law-enforcement and intelligence officials.

Mr Reagan made a formal intelligence "finding" in January 1986, authorizing what one official told *The Wall Street Journal* was a "snatch, grab and deliver operation". The finding also approved other actions, including covert operations to pre-empt terrorist plots, in some cases by attacking the terrorists before they could strike.

The President approved the idea despite opposition within the Administration, CIA and FBI. His approval came after the Administration's vain effort to track down those who hijacked the TWA plane to Beirut in June 1985. So far the US has not tried to kidnap any suspected terrorists.

This latest revelation came amid other reports that the White House planned a joint invasion with Egypt of Libya in 1985, and that Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, was only able to stop it by bringing back the US ambassador to Egypt to dissuade the National Security Council.

Another report in *The Washington Post* revealed, on the basis of White House computer tapes, that Lieutenant

Move to control 'bogus' refugees

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Airlines and shipping firms which transport "bogus" refugees or illegal immigrants to Britain could soon be ordered to pay heavy fines, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, disclosed last night.

The draconian measures are being considered by the Government after this week's controversy surrounding the group of 58 Tamils who sought asylum in Britain, amid ministerial accusations that they arrived with forged documents and were the victims of racketeers.

Last night Home Office officials made it clear ministers will almost certainly bring in the necessary legislation "as rapidly as circumstances allow," and so bring Britain into line with other countries including West Germany and Canada. Carriers already have to pay detention costs of people they bring here.

In the meantime the Department of Transport is contacting all carriers, British and foreign, who bring passengers who need visas to this country to stress the importance of not transporting people without necessary documentation.

Denmark, Sweden and Germany already refuse to accept people who claim asylum without documentation and Mr Hurd warned of the dangers of the right of asylum being distorted into a means of evading immigration control.

The Home Secretary's proposals caused consternation amongst refugee organisations last night.

Dr Martin Barber, director of the British Refugee Council, said: "Deterrent measures and restrictive measures are always regrettable. Genuine refugees must have continued and relatively free access to the safe haven Britain has traditionally provided them."

Mr Ole Volting, UK representative of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, told *The Times*: "We are gravely concerned that such a step could discourage airlines and shipping companies from accepting genuine refugee seekers."

Governor Mario Cuomo of New York has announced that he will not be a candidate for the 1988 presidential nomination. His early withdrawal is likely to increase the lead of the Democratic front-runner, former Senator Gary Hart.

Mr McFarlane said the document drawn up at the request of Admiral John Poindexter, his NSC successor, was to "permit the President to say no, he didn't give a formal authorization". But Mr McFarlane knew as he wrote it that Mr Reagan had endorsed the project.

The White House refused to comment on this, or on the report of Mr Reagan authorizing the kidnapping of terrorists. But the reports are sure to add to the controversy over the Administration's policies on terrorism.

Morton to lead tunnel venture

From Diane Goldes, Paris

Mr Alastair Morton, aged 49, the head of Guinness Peat, the merchant bank, was yesterday appointed British co-chairman of Eurotunnel, the troubled Anglo-French Channel tunnel consortium, at a board meeting in Paris.

The Eurotunnel team was further strengthened by four new non-executive directors, including Sir Christopher "Kit" McMahon, chief executive and chairman-designate of Midland Bank.

Mr Morton succeeds Lord Pennock, who stepped down because of pressure from other commitments.

Eurotunnel hopes the new appointments will win back confidence for the venture and improve its image after three successive resignations from

No danger

the British side — Lord Pennock, who will remain on the board; Sir Nigel Brookes and Mr Michael Julien.

The new board members besides Sir Christopher are M Bernard Aubergier, head of the Crédit Agricole Bank; M Renaud Geniere, head of the Compagnie Financière de Suez; and M Robert Lion, head of the Caisse de Dépôts et Consignations, the state financing organization.

Further British appointments will be made soon to maintain the parity between the British and French members of the board. The two existing representatives of the Compagnie Financière de Suez and the Crédit Agricole on the board have stepped down to make way for their chief executives.

Mr Morton will spend most of his time with Eurotunnel. He will also become executive chairman of the Guinness Peat Group.

Mr Michael Kerr Dineen, an executive director of Guinness Mahon Holdings, becomes managing director of GM Asset Management. Mr David Roberts, also a Guinness Mahon Holdings executive director, takes over responsibility for Guinness Mahon's specialist asset management businesses in property, energy and development capital.

Scientists back Lords research spending plea

A group of Britain's top scientists warned yesterday that neglect over many years of research and development had generated a crisis which "must rank as a national emergency". (Sheila Gunn writes.)

Save British Science urged the Government to support the recommendations of the House of Lords' science and

technology select committee, calling for an immediate increase by at least £100 million a year for basic research.

Following the debate on the committee's report in the Lords, SBS said the first target should be a rise in spending on civil R & D of about £1,600 million a year.

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INSIDE Jerry Hall cleared in Barbados

Miss Jerry Hall, the American girlfriend of Mick Jagger, was acquitted last night in Barbados of possessing 20.5lb of marijuana.

The Barbados chief magistrate, Mr Frank King, said that she left the witness box with her credibility intact and he was satisfied there had been a mix-up at the airport when she picked up delivery of the drug, thinking it was clothing.

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TIMES BUSINESS Finance talks

Finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of Seven leading industrial countries are expected to seek a loose commitment to currency stabilization at this weekend's meetings in Paris.

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TIMES SPORT Miller's award

David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent of *The Times*, was named Sports Writer of the Year by Granada Television's *What The Papers Say*.

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TIMES MONEY Tax split

Many couples are better off if they opt for separate taxation as well as separate assessment.

Family Money, pages 22-30

Portfolio

There is £12,000 to be won today in *The Times* Portfolio Gold competition — the weekly prize of £8,000 plus the daily £4,000.

Yesterday's £8,000 prize, double the usual amount because there was no winner on Thursday, was shared by two readers. Details, page 3.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Protests at cuts in apple imports

Yet another EEC food "mountain" threatens to spring up alongside the grain, butter and beef surpluses on which so much attention has recently been focused (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes). It is not quite in the same category, but it has the virtue of novelty: it consists of apples.

During the spring and summer months large quantities are regularly imported from the Southern Hemisphere to fill the gap before the new season's home crop. This year they are expected to total 525,000 tonnes.

But, to the trade's dismay, the European Commission has suddenly proposed a new licensing system to restrict imports to 400,000 tonnes. The commission evidently fears that they will be bought in preference to fruit still in store.

Council loses case Database damages

Birmingham City Council lost its High Court battle yesterday to force Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, to place his Rate Support Grant Report for the coming year before Parliament. The report is usually so placed before the end of January, but it has been delayed by pending legislation.

Job cuts fear at BR

Union leaders representing railway white-collar workers believe that 1,000 or more jobs may be lost as a result of British Rail's search for further economies.

Mr Richard Rosser, assistant general secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs Association, said yesterday that British Rail was looking to cut costs in its administrative and management sectors, including the finance, personnel and planning sections.

British Rail said that in preparation of its 1987-88 budget it was examining all cost levels and ways of improving efficiency. There might well be reductions in administrative costs, but any talk of the loss of specific numbers of jobs could be only speculation.

Unmasked questions

Mr James Anderson, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, will not have to face 14 key questions on his conduct which some police authority members wanted put to him.

The questions were to have been asked after the suspension, internal inquiry and eventual reinstatement of his deputy, Mr John Stalker (right).

The city's police monitoring committee had collated the questions. But yesterday their ruling body, Greater Manchester Police Authority, vetoed the plan at a private meeting.

Line-up blunder

A suspected criminal was mistakenly paid for turning up to his own identity parade and sent home with a pat on the back, police in Margate, Kent, admitted yesterday.

It happened when members of the public were recruited for the line-up. The officer in charge did not know what the suspect, who had already arrived, looked like. After waiting a while, the officer assumed the suspect had made himself scarce and he paid everyone the customary £3 appearance fee and sent them away.

When two officers went to the suspect's home to arrest him a short while later, he showed them his wage and told them what had happened. A new parade has now been arranged.

Euro MPs call for film ban

Conservative European MPs are demanding that Sir Henry Plumb, the European Parliament president, takes action to stop a planned showing of the BBC's Zircos spy satellite film in Brussels next month.

But parliament officials say there is nothing in the rule-book to prevent the use of parliament facilities, or Labour's Euro-funds, to fly in Mr Duncan Campbell, the journalist, and Mr John Lloyd, the editor of the *New Statesman*, for a special public screening.

Outrage at the plan comes after the Conservatives' failure in Strasbourg on Thursday night to block an emergency resolution condemning the Government's handling of the Zircos affair.

It was during the heated debate that Labour's European MP for Glasgow, Mrs Janey Buchanan, said she had arranged for Mr Campbell to be at a showing of the film.

Mr Edward Macmillan, Conservative European MP for York, and information spokesman, said: "I am now appealing to Sir Henry to reverse this decision."

● Mr Michael Heseltine, former Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday accused Mr Lloyd of "a culpable admission of irresponsibility" over the Zircos affair.

The attack by Mr Heseltine at an International Press Institute seminar in London came after Mr Lloyd said he had not discussed his plan to publish Mr Campbell's article on the spy satellite in advance with the secretary of the D-Notice Committee.

● The BBC Zircos film was shown in Southampton last night in spite of a High Court injunction forbidding it. The Southampton branch of the National Union of Journalists said a television researcher showed the film, although members of his union walked out.

Wapping 'a lesson in change'

By Tim Jones

The year-long dispute between News International and the print unions showed that changes brought about by new technology could be neither stopped nor postponed, Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat '82, said yesterday.

Miss Dean, speaking two weeks after the end of the dispute, said: "If you attempt it the results are so often much more unpleasant for the very people you are trying to protect."

The problems of Fleet Street, she said, should have been tackled 10 years ago, when a report advocating acceptance of new technology and new working levels was thrown out by print union members in London.

Miss Dean shared a platform at a seminar organized by the International Press Institute, with Mr Bruce Matthews, until recently managing director of News International, which publishes *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*.

Mr Matthews said the unions' mistake had been to strike. That had prompted Mr Rupert Murdoch, News International chairman, to switch production to the plant built to print a new evening newspaper, *The London Post*.

He said: "If that strike had not taken place we would be out there today with *The London Post*. I believe the majority of people Brenda describes as unemployed would never have been unemployed."

Mr Angus Clark, industrial relations director of *The Daily Telegraph*, said that his newspaper had pioneered a different way of tackling over-manning. "But Wapping, to put it mildly, concentrated people's minds. The old management at the *Telegraph* could never have done it and the new management could never have done it without Wapping."

Fianna Fail banking on disorder of opposition 'No deals' Haughey goes it alone

By Richard Ford

Mr Charles Haughey, whose Fianna Fail party gained the most seats in the Irish Republic's general election, but failed to get an overall majority, will try to run the country without the support of the independents.

He is assured of election as prime minister on March 10, and he is banking on the fragmented nature of the opposition enabling his minority government to survive a full term in office. A Fianna Fail spokesman said yesterday: "There will be no deals of any kind."

During its early months in

office, his government will be protected by the general weariness with electioneering and the need for Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats, to hold inquests into their performance and improve their organization.

They will be unwilling to face another general election soon, even in the highly unlikely event of them all being able to coalesce on any one issue to bring about Fianna Fail's downfall.

If Mr Haughey brings in the measures needed to remedy the country's economic problems without making deals, it will cause a dilemma for the opposition parties as there is

growing consensus on the need for tough action. Dr Garret FitzGerald, the defeated Fine Gael prime minister, has already pledged his party's support if the government acts to bring public spending down.

Mr Haughey's strategy appears to be to introduce a budget and effectively challenge the opposition to defeat him. They would be risking another general election in which they would be depicted as irresponsible — both Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats having fought the election on the need for public spending cuts.

The Fianna Fail leader has

admitted the budget his government will introduce will be 90 per cent the same as the one proposed by the outgoing Fine Gael government. His real difficulty may not emerge until 1988 when he must frame the first full year's financial package entirely based on Fianna Fail economic policy.

As Mr Haughey rested on his private island off the west coast yesterday, Fine Gael was surveying its worst result in 30 years, which saw them lose 18 seats. Inevitably, there has been private criticism of Dr FitzGerald's leadership.

The party will be engaged in an effort to halt any further

erosion of its middle-class vote by the Progressive Democrats who, although a splinter group born of Fianna Fail in-fighting, have emerged to do much damage to Dr FitzGerald's party.

Mr Haughey has pledged to do nothing to interfere with or undermine the Anglo-Irish agreement and British officials have been confident for some time that he will operate it — though he will probably press for changes.

● The final result of the election was FF 81, FG 51, PD 14, Labour Party 12, Workers' Party 4, and others 4. Leading article, page 13

Proctor faces growing conflict

By Mark Ellis

New attempts to oust Mr Harvey Proctor as Conservative MP for Billericay in Essex will be made by party moderates next month at their annual meeting amid allegations of a sex scandal surrounding the controversial right-winger.

Pressure was growing in the constituency for a concerted effort to remove the sitting member as the Director of Public Prosecutions last night awaited a report from Scotland Yard's serious crimes squad on allegations that Mr Proctor took part in spanking sessions with young men at his London flat.

The deselection move comes less than six months after Mr Proctor was given a "sue or resign" ultimatum by his local party at a stormy meeting in which four senior members of the Billericay Conservative Association resigned when he won a vote of confidence.

Mr Proctor, a bachelor aged 39, could not be contacted yesterday as he was on a week's visit to the United States, but before his departure on Thursday he refused to comment on the latest incident, an alleged assault on a man at his flat in Park View Court, Fulham, south-west London.

A caretaker at the flat called police at 3am on Tuesday after hearing shrieks. Police found a man dressed only in his underpants in the living room of Mr Proctor's flat alleging he had been assaulted by the MP.

The man left the flat on police advice and no further action was taken. Last night the Metropolitan Police said no formal complaint had been received.

At least three of the executive constituency officers in Billericay are considered wavering who gave Mr Proctor the benefit of the doubt over the allegations which appeared in the *Sunday People* newspaper about caning sessions at his London flat. They are now believed to be reconsidering their support.

One long-serving Conservative Party member in Billericay said: "People say to us 'why on earth don't you get rid of him?'. All the party workers raising money are against him, but when it comes to the crunch the pro-Harveyites whip up support from their Monday Club supporters."

However, the annual constituency meeting on March 28 is poised for a grassroots challenge to the MP and local party leadership, which could see Mr Proctor deposed.

Secret file legislation to change

By Our Political Staff

The Government cautiously backed a Bill yesterday giving people the right to see files kept on them by local authorities, employers, finance companies and schools.

Mr Archie Kirkwood's Bill was given an unopposed second reading and will now go into committee where it is expected to be re-drafted to meet the Government's objections.

The Liberal MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire has struck "a tough deal" with the Government in exchange for seeing the Bill continue through Parliament.

That meant copping the right of access to paper records for medical, employment, social security, bank, credit and other purposes.

Amendments are expected to allow those holding information to charge a small fee to those wanting access.

The Government is willing to concede the right of access to local authority files but balks at the Bill's right to see central government files.

Mr David Waddington, a Home Office minister, admitted that there was a "mind-boggling" number of documents involved in Whitehall alone. Public access would mean more staff.

The Bill gives people the right to amend records and to claim compensation for hardship caused by inaccurate information.

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Swindle trial man cleared

A student at the London School of Economics who was accused of tricking a Swiss bank into paying him £239,000 from his Arab brother-in-law's account, was cleared at Lewes Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Lee Robins, aged 21, of Brighton, Sussex, claimed he took part in the transaction with his brother-in-law's approval. Mr Robins's neighbour, Lance Young, aged 20, a labourer, admitted two forgery charges, and was put on probation for a year.



The smiles that win voters: The Prime Minister, inspecting potatoes at a Leeds market yesterday; and Mrs Glenys Kinnock, wife of the Labour leader, with Rose Penfold, aged 3½ months, during a visit to Greenwich District Hospital.

Thatcher 'in power too long'

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, said yesterday that the Conservatives had been in power too long and had assumed some of the characteristics of a government that felt unchecked.

Speaking in Aberdeen, Dr Owen said that it was of crucial importance that Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her party were not given a clear majority at the next election.

"They will only interpret that as a licence to continue with the policies which have brought great hardship, much division and not a little depression in our country," he said.

While Mrs Thatcher delayed the date of a general election, Alliance support would increase and a breakthrough for the party might be within their grasp, Dr Owen said.

He told the SDP's annual Scottish Consultative Assembly: "It is the central task of the Alliance to ensure that we do not get Mrs Thatcher or Mr Kinnock."

"Only with a government which includes as fully participating members Social Democrats and Liberals will we see the ending of extremism, and the governing of this country by a group who can genuinely say they speak for the majority."

Younger goes on attack

By Sheila Gunn Political Staff

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, attacked the Alliance's defence policies last night as "unilateral nuclear disarmament by default".

He said they did not guarantee Britain's deterrent capability beyond the mid-1990s when the 30-year Polaris becomes increasingly more expensive to run — and less effective.

Mr Younger, speaking in Colchester, dismissed the various options to Trident put forward by the Alliance.

He said Dr David Owen had admitted that French ballistic missiles would not be cheaper than Trident and needed years of effort to adapt to British submarines. Cruise missiles had a shorter range and took longer to fire.

"More importantly these missiles would have to penetrate increasingly powerful Soviet anti-missile defences. In other words, cruise missiles are many times more vulnerable than ballistic missiles like Trident."

He added: "The two Alliance leaders have struck a flimsy pre-election deal that has been determined not by a cool assessment of this country's defence needs but by a panic-stricken analysis of the opinion polls."

Alliance prospects boosted by poll

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

An Alliance by-election victory looked distinctly possible last night after publication of a poll showing the Alliance within five points of Labour in Greenwich, and 23 per cent of voters still undecided.

For the Alliance to win from behind at this stage in a Parliament, in a seat held by Labour for 50 years, would be a body blow to an official opposition party that is seriously aspiring to form the next government.

It might also deter the Conservatives from calling an early general election, and it would be a tremendous filip to a Liberal/SDP Alliance that has recently begun to revive after last autumn's defence debacle.

With just five days to polling day, the Alliance was yesterday preparing to pull out all the stops over the weekend in a last-ditch effort to woo the uncommitted voters, and convince Tory supporters to vote Alliance.

More than 1,000 Alliance helpers are expected to flood into the South-east London constituency, and on the strength of the sudden improvement in Alliance prospects, Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, changed plans so that he, too, could be on hand. To bolster his own support, Labour has also been importing its big guns. On

Leyland merger

DAF to dominate heavyweight range

By Daniel Ward Motor Industry Correspondent

Leyland's heavyweight trucks will make way for DAF vehicles in the long term, it has been made clear in the aftermath of the Leyland-DAF truck merger which will cost 2,200 British jobs.

A day after the Anglo-Dutch merger was announced, any commitment to retaining two distinct model ranges and separate names was on the wane as DAF's goal of becoming one of the world's top truck makers moved a step closer.

Mr George Simpson, chief executive of the new British Leyland DAF company, said: "I think we will move to one product range and one name."

DAF engines and later the new truck cab developed jointly by DAF and Spain's Enasa concern, will be the mainstay of future heavy trucks from the new group. Leyland will concentrate on the lighter vehicles, building on the success of the 7½-ton Roadrunner.

Mr Aart van der Padt, DAF president, emphasized that research and development will

Austin Rover's plans to buy car engines from a new plant it expects Honda to build at Swindon have been disclosed in the Rover Group's long-awaited corporate plan (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

Honda has never confirmed that it would expand on its 350-acre Swindon site and begin making engines by the 1990s. Austin Rover may be manufacturing only one or two types of engine in its own factories.

A Honda spokesman in Tokyo said: "We have not reached any conclusion about engine production at our Swindon site although we are continuing with our feasibility study."

still be carried out at Leyland, although the 500 engineering staff is to be reduced to fewer than 400.

The huge "Drops" stores carriers for the Ministry of Defence and the four-wheel drive truck under development for the Army will continue to be under Leyland control.

Transferring those and other Scammell-built trucks

Mr Graham Day, Rover Group chairman, has dismissed claims that the company had asked Honda to take an equity stake in Austin Rover and confirmed it had a "long-term" collaborative relationship with the Japanese car maker.

The two companies are discussing the production of new Honda models under contract at Austin Rover's Longbridge and Cowley plants. This year it will build about 15,000 Honda Ballade and Legend models in Britain.

The corporate plan confirms Austin Rover and Honda will jointly develop a new model, codenamed AR8, which will replace the Maestro and Rover 200 models.

from the Watford plant to Leyland will help to fill the unused capacity in the Lancashire plant's modern assembly hall and reduce overhead costs.

Mr Simpson said: "The employment reductions at Leyland were planned and would have taken place anyway. The employment losses would have been significantly greater without the DAF merger."

The Dutch connection will boost demand for the Roadrunner and Sherpa by more than 4,000 this year as DAF begins selling the Dutch-badged vehicles through its 600-strong European sales network.

An investment of more than £150 million will be made in the British plants over the next five years

Conservation award goes to farming co-op

A co-operative of 350 mainly arable farmers in East Anglia are joint winners of this year's top award by the British Conservation Foundation (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

They share it with the Parnham Trust, of Dorset, which was established by Mr John Makepeace, the furniture maker.

It is the first time a farming operation has been so honoured, and is all the more remarkable in that the members of United Framingham Farmers hail from an area which is regularly depicted as exemplifying the worst excesses of modern agriculture.

They will receive the award from Mr David Bellamy, the naturalist, at a ceremony at Lambeth Palace next Tuesday.

The co-operative was formed in the 1960s, primarily as a buying agency.

Last year its new training centre was opened by Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment. As well as teaching farming skills, it also runs courses for farmworkers on conservation and the correct use of chemicals.

Record damages man proposed to nurse by computer

By Howard Foster

Mr Graham Cook, awarded record damages of £850,000 for catastrophic injuries he received when he inhaled highly-toxic fumes, is to marry his staff nurse, Mrs Tricia Stephenson, aged 35.

He proposed to her on a computer screen — his only means of communication after the accident.

"From my point of view the method of communication is not difficult because I am a competent typist," Mrs Stephenson said yesterday. "But for Graham it is very time-consuming using head switches. It is very slow but without it we would have nothing."

"He can lip-read to a certain extent but not a great deal."

Was she looking forward to their future life together? "Yes, why not? Just because someone is in a wheelchair they are no different — just normal people."

Bristol High Court was told during the 10-day case how Mr Cook suffered his dreadful injuries.

An 800-kilogramme consignment of used micro-batteries — found in watches, hearing aids and cameras — had been treated with iron sulphide, unknown to him.

Mr Cook added nitric acid in a routine operation to retrieve silver oxide from the batteries, but sulphur dioxide gas was given off leaving him in a coma for four months.

When Mr Cook regained

consciousness after the accident in November 1982 he was found to have lost the use of both arms and legs as well as his hearing and some of his powers of sight.

His comprehension of written material was intact and at first he communicated with a letter board.

Later, a computer system was developed which allowed him to lead a normal life as possible. However, after the accident his previously happy marriage ended and he and wife Heather are going through a "friendly divorce", Mr Stephen Allen, his solicitor said.

Yesterday Mr Cook, Mrs Stephenson and his lawyer explained his future plans and gave an insight into the problems almost total disability can bring for those whose mental faculties survive.

Mr Cook has already established something of a record for keeping his sense of humour in adversity. When asked why, since his accident, he only spends a week at a time on foreign holidays, he replied, using his alphabet board, "because after seven days the slaves are knackered" — a reference to the four-person medical team that has to accompany him on his jaunts to Rome, Istanbul and Athens.

Mr Allen said Mr Cook had been left "a prisoner in his own body" after the accident. Mr Cook had proposed on

his computer keyboard and Mrs Stephenson had said yes by typing her reply into the computer.

"It may seem strange to devote oneself to somebody who is so severely disabled and at first sight it is. But I know he has a tremendous spirit and a sense of humour and he is a very attractive man", Mr Allen said.

The rapport between Graham and Tricia is very obvious for anyone to see. Mr Cook's decision to fight his legal advisers to sue three companies for negligence over his injuries.

Two of those, his employers, Engelhard Industries, of Valley Road, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, and Johnson Matthey, of Royston, Hertfordshire, who processed the batteries before returning them to a third company, were cleared of negligence.

The third company, Berc Micro Batteries, of Banbury, Oxfordshire, was found guilty of negligence and eventually agreed to pay damages which, with legal costs, are likely to reach £1 million.

The award is far higher than the previous record in British courts — £672,000 for a Welsh woman who was severely brain-damaged after a bungled tonsils operation.

The money will be used to provide Mr Cook with a purpose-built house and, as a matter of urgency, a van with a tail-gate lift.



A lone surfer riding the waves at Fistral Bay in Newquay while most of Britain shivers in sub-zero temperatures. Between 20 and 30 wetsuited enthusiasts go surfing at the Cornish resort each weekend during the winter. (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

University cash crisis

Dons want to sell the OUP

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A novel solution to Oxford University's financial crisis has been proposed by a group of dons headed by Dr Graham Richards, senior tutor of Brasenose.

Their plan is to sell off not the colleges' silver but the next best thing, the Oxford University Press — founded 509 years ago, in the reign of Edward IV, and wholly owned by the university since.

The idea was quietly floated in a letter this week to the editor of the *Oxford Magazine*, a small-circulation house journal published, ironically, by the OUP. It is distributed free to the 2,000 members of congregation who alone would have the power to sanction the proposal.

Under the headline, "A simple solution", Dr Richards points out that the university is facing an annual deficit of £10 million. The response so far has been to cut costs, he says, "even to the extent of seriously weakening the system".

He therefore proposes turning the OUP into a public company and selling off 49 per cent. His "educated guess" is that that would raise between £100 million and £150 million, sufficient to produce an endowment equivalent to the cuts imposed by the University Grants Committee.

"This is not exactly selling the family silver", he says. "With 51 per cent, the university would still control the

Press and could ensure that its scholarly activities continued."

However, it was certainly not welcomed by Professor Roger Elliott, chairman of the OUP finance committee. He said it would "destroy a unique institution" and talked of "asset strippers" whose only interest would be in maximizing profits.

The scholarly activities include publishing the Oxford English Dictionary and a regular flow of obscure academic monographs. However, the OUP also has a turnover of around £80 million a year and makes an undisclosed profit which it prefers to call a surplus.

Jockey's size wins cut in driving ban

Walter Swinburn, the leading jockey, yesterday won an appeal against a two-year disqualification for driving with excess alcohol.

Swinburn, aged 25, had the ban reduced by six months after convincing a judge that his special diet and small body meant he was easily affected by drink.

The hearing was told that a policeman found the jockey trying to make a telephone call from his Mercedes car when it was upside down after hitting a lamp post in Newmarket, Suffolk, last September.

Swinburn, of Genesis Stud Farm, Newmarket, who was found to be almost three times above the legal alcohol limit, was later disqualified for two years.

Portfolio —Gold— Two share £8,000 daily prize

Two winners shared a Portfolio Gold prize of £8,000 yesterday because there were no winners on Thursday.

Mrs Mary Street, aged 65, of Vicars Close, Hackney, east London, said: "It came as such a lovely surprise — I might get a new carpet for the house but I have not really decided yet how to spend the money."

She shared the prize with Mr Peter Wilson, aged 39, a Civil Servant in the Department of Health and Social Security, from Lupset, near Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

His plans for the money include a holiday on the Continent, "a better one than we had originally planned".

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Mr Peter Wilson, planning a "better holiday".

Trial delayed

The trial at the Central Criminal Court, London, in which six people are accused of murdering PC Keith Blacklock during disturbances at Broadwater Farm estate, Tottenham, in 1985, was adjourned yesterday until Monday because of the illness of a juror.

Battle of words over Trafalgar

By Alan Hamilton

Labour MPs have smelled a rat in the Government's decision to repair one of the nation's hallowed pavements of protest.

The centre of Trafalgar Square is shortly to be closed for two years to be renovated at a cost of £1.5 million.

Nelson is already having his column hand-scrubbed, Landseer's lions are to be polished, paving is to be relaid, and new crowd barriers are to be put up with rows of sturdy bollards creating avenues along which police can move swiftly to deal with excitable crowds.

Because the work involves a ban on public meetings in the square for the duration, some potential protesters see it as the equivalent of the Chinese powers-that-be taking down Democracy Wall in Peking.

Mr Doug Hoyle, Labour MP for Warrington North, said yesterday that the work was no more than a feeble excuse for a new attempt by the Prime Minister to stifle public expression. He was with him to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, to say so.

"Trafalgar Square has always been the meeting place for those who believe that they have a case that needs to be voiced. In my view the Prime Minister should at once rescind this sinister development", Mr Hoyle said.

Mr Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, was equally suspicious. "This is a profound setback for those who want to express political views in what has become the centre of parliamentary democracy in this country."

Permission has already been refused for two patently political rallies. The National Union of Students, which was to have demonstrated today, has agreed to move to the main alternative site for the voicing of dissent in Hyde Park. The City of London Anti-Apartheid Group, which wanted the Square on March 14, has still to decide whether to accept the offer of Speakers' Corner.

Yet two other rallies have been allowed next month, possibly because anti-Thatcherism among dogs and preachers is still in its infancy. The Department of the Environment said yesterday, however, that the decision to allow the International Federation for Animal Welfare and the United Evangelistic Mobile Units to hold rallies was purely because smaller numbers were expected.

A fingerplate from her nursery door, decorated with Brer Rabbit and an architrave showing her height at the age of 14, will be displayed in the hotel reception room.

Mr Dennis Maiden, chairman of the management committee, said: "It is the only hotel of its kind in Britain. Obviously because it is Princess Diana's birth place it will be a big attraction."

The room in which the Princess of Wales was born has been turned into a double bedroom. Her nursery has been converted into two single rooms.

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A farewell kiss. Mrs Thompson with her daughter Stephanie, aged nine, and husband Peter, before leaving Papworth Hospital yesterday.

Transplant mother goes home to celebrate

The world's first triple transplant patient left hospital yesterday feeling "fantastic" and looking forward to her 36th birthday party next week.

Mrs Davina Thompson, who received a new heart, lungs and liver during a seven-hour operation last December, said as she left Papworth Hospital, Cambridge: "I am really looking forward to doing with my family the normal things that other families do. I feel as if I have been reborn and I shall be celebrating both my new life and my old birthday with champagne when we have a birthday party at home next Saturday."

Friends treated her to a champagne reception when she arrived after a two-hour car journey at her husband's parents' home in Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

Mrs Thompson said as she stood outside in freezing tem-

peratures: "It's fantastic to be back". She said yesterday: "I never dreamed I would recover so quickly and feel so well. I was told five years ago there was nothing that could be done and I would have to make the best of things. It was only in November I discovered a triple transplant was possible and now I feel a miracle has taken place."

Mrs Thompson was nicknamed "Florence Nightingale" at Papworth because of her habit of touring the wards, encouraging and reassuring other patients.

Her triple transplant operation was made necessary by a liver disease and lung condition which put a strain on her heart. It was performed by two of the world's top surgeons, Mr John Wallwork, a chest specialist of Papworth, and Professor Roy Calne, of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Minister steps in to rescue baby gorillas

The owner of a zoo in Kent yesterday received permission to import three orphaned gorillas from the Congo after a three-and-a-half month battle with the Department of the Environment.

Mr John Aspinall had intended importing five gorillas for the Howletts Zoo, but two died while Civil Servants dealt with an appeal after his first request had been rejected.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of the Environment, intervened yesterday and granted permission.

A spokesman for the department said Mr Waldegrave had

stepped in and agreed to the rescue because he recognized there were strong public feelings about the matter.

The minister had been influenced by the two deaths. It was a "one-off decision".

Export licenses were refused after protests from the World Wildlife Fund and the Nature Conservancy Council, which said the importation would encourage poachers.

The three are now in the Congo with Mme Yvette Le Roy who has rescued many baby gorillas whose parents have been killed by poachers.

Window into world of a Princess

The Princess of Wales has asked that a souvenir of her childhood — a grubby window featuring 500 telephone numbers — be sent to her at Kensington Palace.

The old sash window with four panes of frosted glass was uncovered at her birth place, Park House, Sandringham, which is being turned into a hotel for the disabled.

"I wrote some of those numbers. May I have it as a keepsake? It brings back happy memories", she is reported as having told the site agent, Mr Frank Chapman.

The numbers, scrawled in pencil in a childish hand, include those of the chimney sweep, the mover man, the hairdresser, the laundry, the fishmonger, the Princess's old school, Stifford House in Kings Lynn, and Sandringham House. It also lists those of "Old Mother Riley" and "Pontins Pilot".

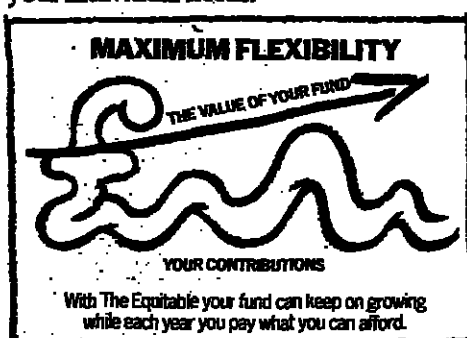
The window was removed from the telephone room at the Victorian house, which the Queen gave to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation. It is being converted into a 25-bed hotel for the disabled at a cost of £1.5 million. It will open on July 31.

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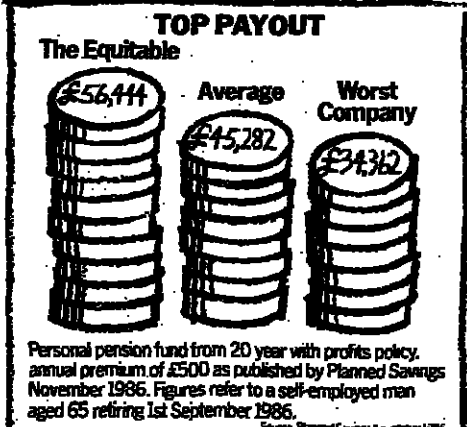
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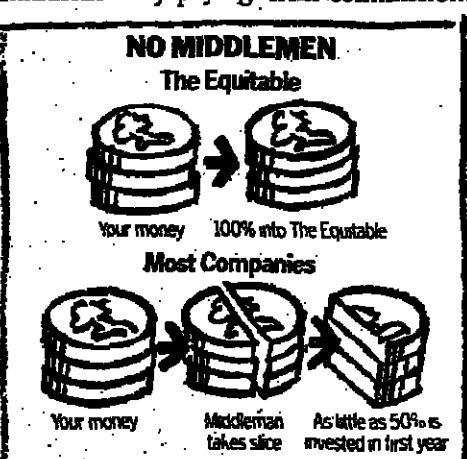


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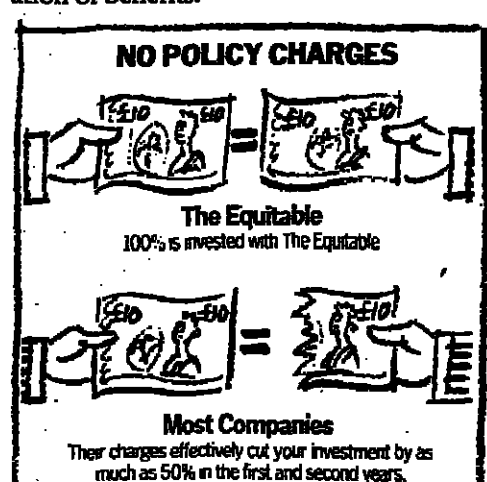
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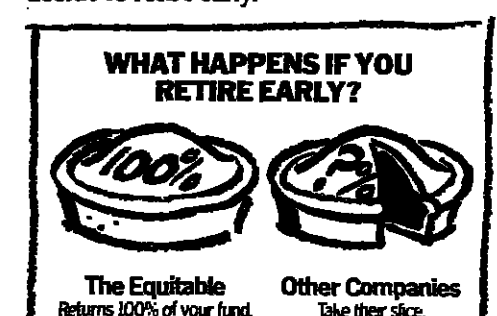
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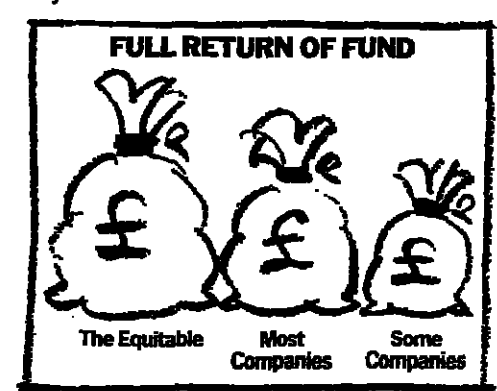
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Tamils 'not in danger if they are sent home'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Tamil refugees in London and the Sri Lankan High Commissioner disagreed yesterday over the fate awaiting the 58 Tamil asylum-seekers if they are returned by the Home Office.

They would be followed by the Sri Lankan security services and killed on their return, a Tamil refugee said in London yesterday.

At a press conference in the Commons, Tamils already granted refugee status insisted the 58 were genuine refugees and would face extreme danger if they were sent back.

"When they return the Sri Lanka government will set the intelligence services on them. They may leave them alone for a few days - but then they will get them," one said.

But Mr Chandra Moneerawala, the Sri Lankan High Commissioner, gave an assurance yesterday that the 58 Tamils need not be in any danger if they go back. They would not be ill-treated.

Out of 1.8 million Tamil people in Sri Lanka only

800,000 lived in the area where there were problems, Mr Moneerawala said. The rest lived with other communities such as Sinhalese, Muslim and people of European descent.

But Miss Rajes Balasubramaniam, of the Tamil Refugee Action Group in London, said: "If they return they will face murder, nothing else."

The 58 arrived in Britain in search of asylum and await the outcome of court proceedings to see whether they will be returned.

The refugees at the press conference said Tamils trying to flee Sri Lanka had little choice but to travel to Europe through Malaysia. It was "impossible" to go through the correct procedures to get visas from the British High Commission because the journey to Colombo was so dangerous for them.

Miss Balasubramaniam denied Tamils are safe in Sri Lanka. "Last month 200 people in one village on the east coast were killed by the armed forces", she said.

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PARLIAMENT

Britain's very survival in front rank of nations 'is at stake'

The following is a summary of Thursday's debate in the Lords, a report of which appeared in later editions of The Times yesterday.

Britain's survival as a front-rank industrial nation was the issue, Lord Williams of Elvel, an Opposition spokesman, said when the Lords debated the select committee report on research and development.

Lord Sutherland (Ind), chairman of the committee, said that, as in previous inquiries, the conclusion had been that science and technology was still suffering from lack of coherence. Once more the committee had to recommend a more public and explicit recognition by the Government of the importance of science and technology to the country.

It rejected the suggestion of a minister for science, but again favoured a council for science and technology at the highest level of government, presided over by a minister to oversee the whole of the national scientific and technological endeavour, including the distribution of resources.

The committee now recommended that this council should be chaired by the Prime Minister at least once a year.

"The committee infer that in the existing Cabinet structure a committee has been set up to oversee the national endeavour in science and technology. We are not supposed to know about the existence of this committee, but most members regard this bit of security as smacking of

bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo. It is a good move, but it should be acknowledged publicly."

The committee suggested that legislation should be introduced requiring companies to publish their R & D expenditure.

British industry had failed to apply the information available while competitors not only took it away and used it, but also took many of our scientific and engineering brains as well.

"To use that argument for not giving maximum support to research and development now is a counsel of despair," Lady Hooper, for the Government, said that there was progress in fostering a community of interest between the academic world and industry. Important in that was the new Link initiative, which had benefited the academic world. It was expected that the first Link programmes would be announced soon and they would be funded jointly by Government and industry.

"The Government will continue to accord civil research and development the necessary high priority in policy decisions to ensure the United Kingdom's prosperity and international position in the scientific and industrial world."

Lord Williams of Elvel, for the Opposition, said that the report made pretty depressing reading. The issue was no less than whether Britain was to survive as an industrial nation of the front rank and not sink into a nation which made other people's products, invited tourists and sold services.

Labour would implement the committee's proposal that there should be a minister to carry responsibility and answer for science and technology.

Labour would also implement the recommendation to have a council on science and technology. Only the close involvement of the Prime Minister would



Williams: The challenge is to the Government

produce the necessary political impetus.

Industry had to be induced by incentives to step up R & D. There had to be a kick-start to get the engine going properly.

Would it not make sense to reinvest the money raised by privatisation in the industrial future of the country instead of cutting income tax?

Even at this late stage the Government may regret. The challenge is now to the Government.

Lord Dalton, in a maiden speech, said that a minister of cabinet rank should "preside over the new central council, which would oversee the whole of Government effort."

Lord Ezra (L) said that the Government's funding was low compared with that of our competitors.

Lord Addington (C) said that it looked from the leader in The Times on Thursday, an excellent and impressive piece, that at least the principal daily newspaper had got the point of the report.

How could Britain be so stupid and arrogant to assume that others were wrong? Governments simply could not wash their hands of spending on R & D.

Lord McIntosh of Harlingford, for the Opposition, said that Labour policy was that there should be increased, and more effective expenditure. To get up to 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product, they were talking of an additional £400 billion spent by industry, encouraged and partly financed by government.

Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said that the Government did not agree with the committee conclusion that the overall picture was of turmoil and frustration.

It was not clear whether further tax relief would be effective in stimulating additional R & D. Little of the £3 billion reduction in taxation from the removal of the national insurance surcharge had been invested by industry in R & D.

Minister backs idea of access to personal files

The Government fully supported the idea of allowing people greater access to their records, but could not accept the Access to Personal Files Bill without amendment, because of its size and range, Mr David Waddington, Minister of State, Home Office, said in the Commons when the Bill was read a second time.

The Bill provides right of access to certain classes of written records containing personal information and allows for alterations to be made to correct inaccuracies.

It covers records relating to health, education, housing, benefits, social services and welfare, employment, banking, building society, credit, and immigration.

Mr Archie Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L), moving second reading, said that its first consequence would be a general improvement in record keeping. They would be compiled with greater care and thought. Unsubstantiated information would not be recorded as it might have to be justified later.

The Bill would create an atmosphere of openness. "We need access as of right to information regarding ourselves and we need to ensure that such information is both fair and is correct. This legislation will create these rights and will do more to enhance the quality of our democracy than almost any other Bill that could be introduced by a back-bench member."

The Bill would provide individuals with the right of access to certain parts of their records. They could have the records amended where appropriate and compensation could be paid for damage caused by inaccurate information.

There was no question of retrospective right of access. It would apply only to information recorded after the Bill was enacted.

Right of access applied only to paper records, access to computer records being the subject of Government legislation.

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There were safeguards, such as a right of appeal to court if amendments were refused, and compensation could be claimed on proof that damage had been caused by action taken as a result of misleading recorded information.

Mr Steven Norris (Oxford East, C) said that it was the unanimous logic behind the principle of the Bill which had commended it so warmly across the whole of the political spectrum.

The old story about the message going out from the trenches in the First World War as "Send reinforcements, we are going to advance" and ending up as "Send three and fourpence, we are going to a dance" illustrated how information could become innocently but totally transmuted.

Once information was recorded on a file it assumed the status of eternal truth and formed the basis for future judgements. The file took on a life of its own and this live animal must be controlled.

The Campaign for Freedom of Information had collected some appalling examples of record keeping on pupils. One said "a bit concerned about his honesty, but as yet no evidence". A girl who was described on one file as "a thief, a liar and a sly" was described in another as "honest, truthful, frank and extremely helpful".

Another pupil was called "pasty, puggy, frustrated and moribund", and another's file said: "He is moving inexorably towards a life of crime and terms of imprisonment. He affects a nice side to his character but this is not genuine." That last sen-

tence, he said, could perhaps apply to most MPs.

When the Data Protection Act came into force in November there would be a ludicrous anomaly because computer records would be open to access but if the records were in a little black book or a manila folder, access would be denied.

Mr Christopher Smith (Islington South and Finsbury, Lab) said that there was wide agreement among MPs about the need for the Bill. He regretted that it contained a reference to charging a fee for access to files. This meant that millions would not be able to afford to see their records.

He understood that the Government was not happy about people having access to their medical files. But these were the records to which most people would like access.

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Tory advised to reflect on attack on Speaker

A statement reportedly issued by Mr Richard Hickmet (Glasgow and Scunthorpe, C) outside the House in which he criticised the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) was the subject of protests during points of order in the Commons.

Mr Alan Williams, an Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs, said that MPs would be appalled to hear of the attack reported to have been made on the Speaker by Mr Hickmet.

Mr Hickmet was reported to have said that the Speaker had not lifted a finger to prevent attacks on the Prime Minister, and asked why it was that as soon as a campaign against Mr Kinnock was mounted the Speaker intervened immediately.

These were serious and possibly unprecedented allegations, especially as they were made outside the House where the Speaker would not have the opportunity to defend himself.

He asked for guidance on what action the House could take to protect the Chair against such verbal thuggery from petulant junior MPs who apparently resented the fact that they had to be reprimanded for unparliamentary behaviour.

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State, Home Office, said that he had not read the account of the statement, but if the reports were correct the Government would deplore it. The Speaker commanded the confidence of the Government and

the overwhelming majority of the House.

The correct course of action for Mr Hickmet would be to seek an appointment with the Speaker to explain what he had said. It would not be right for him to comment further.

The Deputy Speaker (Mr Harold Walker) said that he thought it would be wise for the House to reflect on what the minister had said and to give Mr Hickmet the opportunity to make a statement and a full apology on Monday.

The Deputy Speaker said Mr Shore was correct to draw attention to the seriousness of the matter and it might make sense if over the weekend Mr Hickmet had the opportunity for reflection so that he could decide on the appropriate action to take.

Unhappy sex lives blamed for diet illnesses

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many more people are seeking treatment for eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa because of their unhappy sex lives and stressful family relationships, specialists believe.

The cases increasingly include older men and women, not just teenage girls, who are most commonly associated with such conditions, according to Dr Joan Gomez, a psychiatrist at the Gordon Hospital in Victoria, London.

The hospital opened a new clinic this week to deal with growing numbers of such out-patients.

The British Society of Gastroenterology launched an appeal this week for £1 million to fund research into digestive diseases which affect up to four million people a year in Britain.

Dr Robert Allan, secretary of the society, said that anorexia and anxiety-related digestive conditions were increasing.

About 135,000 people in Britain were estimated to be at risk from anorexia, the so-called "slimmers' disease" according to figures published last year by the British Medical Association.

Dr Gomez said: "There has been a very large increase in cases of bulimia, or binge-eating, and an increase in reported cases of anorexia."

"Eating disorders are now affecting a much wider spectrum of people. The classic victims used to be girls in their late teens, but now I'm seeing many older and middle-aged women and men."

Dr Gomez said she found that nearly all eating disorders were linked with failure to establish satisfactory relationships, whether between young girls and their mothers or later in life, between sexual partners.

"It seems to be part of today's culture. The divorce rate is another indicator."

Dr Gomez and her colleague at the hospital, Dr Peter Dally, a world authority on these disorders, have found that many bulimics who keep their weight down by vomiting, taking laxatives or over-exercising, also have anorexic symptoms.

A new name, bulimarexia, has been coined for the mixture.

"Among anorexics, getting thin switches off sexual interest. Among people who eat too much food, can become a substitute for sex," Dr Gomez said.

"There used to be simple expectations but people now expect to find enormous happiness and for many of them that is just not there, and those disappointments produce many of the cases we are seeing."

Chairman ousted at crisis theatre

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

A leading provincial theatre has become embroiled in a political dispute while in the middle of a financial crisis.

The controversy emerged this week when Sir Alec Merrison was replaced as chairman of the Bristol Old Vic after 16 years in the post.

He was succeeded by Mr Ted Braun, a member of the Labour Party, and local Tory councillors criticized the move as "shabby".

The governors also appointed Mr Tony Robinson, an actor and a Labour candidate in local elections, to the new post of vice-chairman.

A senior member of the company said last night that the changes amounted to a take-over of the theatre by the Labour-controlled council.

"They are clearly trying to turn the theatre into the kind of cultural organization they think it ought to be," he said.

Mr Braun, a professor of drama at Bristol University, denied his appointment was political.

"It is no secret that I am a Labour Party member, but I was nominated by the university purely on the grounds of my artistic work," he said. The governors were looking for a more varied programme, and would like to include more new plays.

Sir Alec, a former university vice-chancellor, said he had been surprised by the nomination of Mr Braun. He perceived "pressure" from the Labour Party, but it was unnecessary because he had not wished to serve for a further three years.

"However nobody likes walking away from a mess," he said. "The theatre is facing extremely serious problems. The Arts Council announced last month that it was sharply reducing financial support for the theatre because Bristol and Avon councils had ignored its appeals for matching funding."

Mr Leon Rubin, the artistic director, said the cash crisis had jeopardized his plans, and the theatre might have to close.



Banks and office furniture are all there is to be seen in the wartime bunker inside the white cliffs of Dover. But Mr Ken Scott, general manager of Dover Castle and pictured on a vantage point outside the complex, has plans to turn it into a leading tourist attraction. (Photographs: Dod Miller)

Museum plan for bunker

A cavernous fortress, burrowed into the white cliffs of Dover and from which Sir Winston Churchill gave some of the most decisive orders of the Second World War, is likely to become one of Britain's most important war museums.

Public opening of the wartime bunker beneath Dover Castle and the cliff-face vantage point from which Sir Winston watched heavy artillery pounding German positions across the Channel is expected in time for the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Britain in 1990.

The wartime complex, with two-and-a-half miles of underground corridors, became one of the regional seats of government for the South-east and remained a classified location until late last year when the Ministry of Defence put it in the hands of English Heritage.

Mr Ken Scott, general manager of Dover Castle, said: "It is a tourism goldmine. This is a missing link in the history of Dover, England and the world. It is strategically very important because the Battle of Britain was controlled from here and if we had lost that would have been it."

He predicted the fortress would become better known and a bigger tourist attraction than the War Rooms in London's Whitehall.

At the moment there is little for visitors to see in the subterranean complex, which is on three levels and was dug out during the Napoleonic Wars, apart from banks, shabby office furniture and simple kitchen fittings.

One of the ideas is to re-create the war-time headquarters with waxwork models of key personnel, including Sir Winston, and to replay tape recordings of possible scenarios.

The tourism potential is enormous with an estimated 14.5 million people passing through the channel port every year and Dover's good road and rail links.

Vietnam 'hooked' man on heroin

A Vietnam war veteran who allegedly supplied pop star Boy George with heroin told a court yesterday how he became hooked on the drug while fighting in the jungle.

"It takes away your anxiety. It makes you feel big and bad and tough," he said.

Steven Liben, aged 36, served a 10-month tour in Vietnam with the Second Battalion 13th Infantry, United States Army, after enlisting in 1971.

He and Diane Feiner, aged 35, both of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, west London, have denied at Knightsbridge Crown Court conspiring to supply heroin to Boy George and others. Miss Feiner also denies conspiracy to supply cocaine.

Mr Liben said: "I started taking heroin in Vietnam. There was so much killing - it's hard when you see your best friend die next to you."

Heroin was easily available in Vietnam. "It was sold by our then comrades the South

Vietnamese. All the people I knew took it. It was the only way we could go out on patrol and kill people. You could not do it in your right mind."

He said that he became addicted in Vietnam and later got hooked again while serving with Nato forces in West Germany, where heroin was also easily available.

He said he left the army after two years and lived first for a few months in West Germany before moving to Britain in October 1973 where he has lived since.

Earlier the court was told that he was taken from a cell Mr Liben allegedly said to Det Con Thomas Cornthwaite: "I will give you names that are far bigger suppliers than me."

When he was interviewed he denied he supplied drugs to anyone. He also denied he knew Boy George took drugs until he read it in the newspapers.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

'Devilishly clever' fraud cost £3m

Two men were jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for a "devilishly clever" value-added tax fraud which cost taxpayers £3 million.

A third man was given a suspended prison sentence and all three were fined a total of £260,000.

Judge Argyle, QC, said: "This case has revealed devilishly clever dishonesty."

Mr Philip Singer, for the prosecution, said: "At a conservative estimate, some £20 million worth of sales were simply suppressed and some £3 million in VAT evaded."

The three defendants who ran The Nose cash and carry in Barking, east London, and a front company called Purpose-

hurd, withdrew goods from bonded warehouses and failed to pay the VAT owed on them when the items were sold, he said. They concealed sales by making returns on only one bill when two were operating. Madhusudan Naganbhai Patel, aged 50, and his son, Suketu, aged 23, of Shrewsbury Lane, Shooters Hill, London, admitted evading VAT on goods from a bonded warehouse with intent to defraud, and on imported goods with intent to defraud.

Bipin Patel, aged 48, of Haywards Drive, Esher, Surrey, admitted evading VAT on warehouse goods with intent to defraud.

Madhusudan was jailed for two years on each count, with eight months to serve and the rest suspended. He was fined £200,000 and he faces a further 12 months in jail if he does not pay within a year.

Suketu was given a two-year suspended jail sentence on each count and fined £10,000, with six months in jail if he defaults.

Bipin was given two years with 18 months suspended, and fined £50,000. He will be jailed for a year if he defaults.

The judge said: "It is in the interests of the taxpayers and indeed everybody, that these businesses of various kinds should continue to run and make a profit to enable the tax to be paid eventually."

Arms haul in hunt may be from MoD

A 60-strong taskforce investigating a string of armed robberies in the north of England after the death of a man in a police chase last week has uncovered hoards of arms and ammunition.

Some of the weapons may have come from Ministry of Defence establishments. They include double-barrelled and pump-action shotguns, automatic pistols, revolvers and air rifles.

Yesterday police frogmen began searching the River Swale, near Dishforth, and the River Ouse at York.

Det Chief Supt Ray Basham, head of Cleveland CID, said at a press conference in Middlesbrough that the Army's Special Investigation Branch was helping with inquiries into armed robberies in the North over the past 12 years.

They began when David Grice, aged 38, a garage owner, of Tholthorpe, North Yorkshire, collapsed and died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound at Stockton police station.

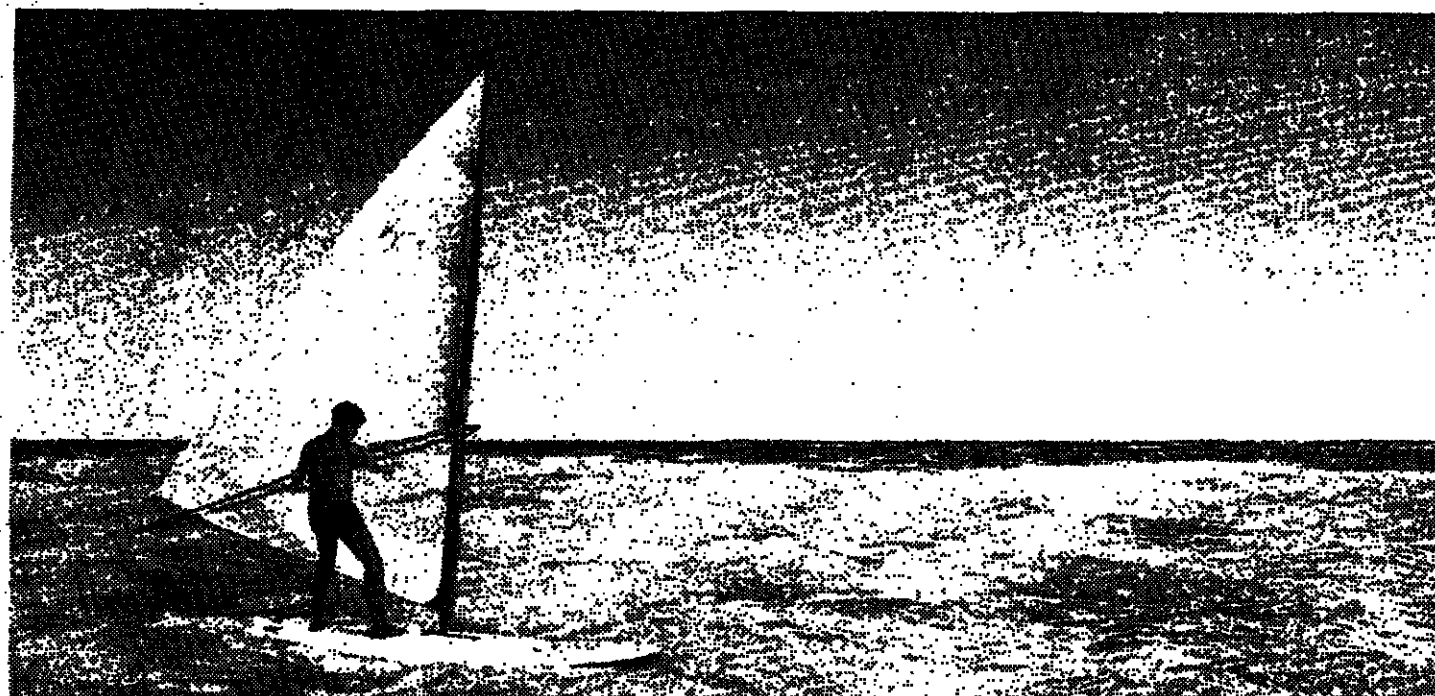
A second post-mortem examination was being carried out yesterday on Mr Grice, with at the suggestion of the Home Office pathologist, who performed the first examination.

Knifing victim starts lessons

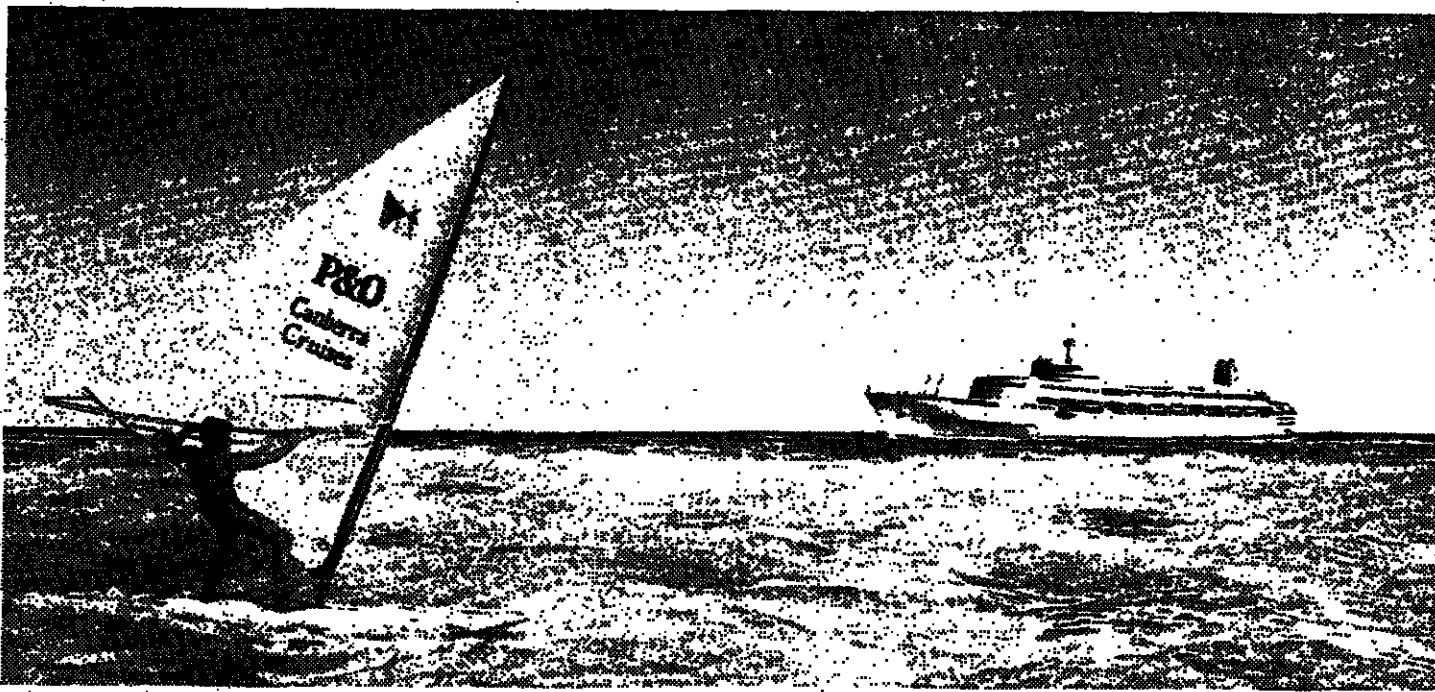
Cathy Humphrey, aged 10, the victim of a knife attack, has started to catch up on schoolwork with a tutor after five weeks in Canterbury Hospital, Kent. Complications have delayed her return home.

Mr Kelvin Chapman, aged 27, a former bus driver, has been remanded in custody accused of abducting Cathy, of Minster, near Ramsgate, and attempted murder.

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Canada to stem 'refugee' influx

Ottawa — The Canadian Government yesterday cracked down on the flow of unqualified refugees into Canada, with Mr Benoit Bonchard, the Immigration Minister, announcing a series of measures aimed at eliminating abuses which he said threatened to "undermine our entire refugee determination system" (John Best writes).

Canadian authorities have become increasingly concerned about the influx of people claiming refugee status, about 75 per cent of whom do not qualify as genuine refugees. In the first six weeks of this year more than 6,000 claims were made. The number has been multiplying steadily over the past year or so, overwhelming the country's refugee processing system.

The steps taken yesterday, which are effective immediately, include the scrapping of a blanket admissions policy for refugee claimants coming from communist countries.

Arson suspected

Vienna (Reuters) — Seventy-five fire engines and 350 firemen fought a blaze yesterday that destroyed the headquarters of Steyr-Daimler-Puch AG, the loss-making vehicle maker. A fire brigade spokesman said he suspected arson as people had seen the fire break out in several parts almost simultaneously. The building, close to the Ringstrasse, was for sale for between £30 million and £35 million.

Kabul in protest

Moscow (AFP) — The Afghan Government has summoned the British chargé d'affaires in Kabul to protest against a meeting at the Foreign Office in London between British officials and Afghan rebel leaders, Tass reported here yesterday.

Quoting the Afghan news agency, it said that the Foreign Office had publicly expressed support for extremist elements and interfered in Afghan internal affairs.

'Death Railway' bell

Bangkok (AP) — A former British prisoner of war and a former Japanese soldier yesterday rang a "Bell of Reconciliation" in memory of the tens of thousands who died while building the "Death Railway" and a bridge over the River Kwai for the Japanese during the Second World War.

The bronze bell — cast with money raised by Mr Dudley Cave, aged 66, of London — is to be placed in a Buddhist temple in the Burmese province of Kanchanaburi built last year by Mr Takashi Nagase, who served with the Japanese Army.

Aquino's candidates



Manila — President Aquino of the Philippines, left, has announced her choice of 24 candidates for the May elections to the senate here (Keith Dalton writes).

They include eight members of her Cabinet whose compulsory resignation will force a second shake-up of her one-year-old Government, and three former ministers whom Mrs Aquino dismissed under pressure in December.

Zircon censure

Strasbourg — Despite strong opposition from Britain's Conservative EuroMPs, the European Parliament has condemned the British Government and Special Branch over the Zircon affair, describing the raid on the BBC as press censorship and interference with freedom of information (Our Own Correspondent writes).

Chad downs Libya jet

Ndjamena (Reuters) — Chad Government anti-aircraft guns have shot down a Libyan MiG aircraft over the north-western oasis of Zouar, according to a Chad military statement. The high command said it was the ninth aircraft lost by Libya since fighting began nine weeks ago for control of northern Chad. Libya has not reported fighting in the area and has denied that it has troops in Chad.

The Chad statement said that its army had seized four Marchetti tactical support planes abandoned by Libyans after their rout at the north-eastern oasis town of Fada on January 2. Government forces said they killed 81 Libyan soldiers this week in the Zouar area.

● PARIS: France is sending 200 more troops to its former Central African colony, defence sources said yesterday. They will join some 2,400 men supporting President Habré against an estimated 15,000 Libyan and rebel forces.

Swedes scent victory

The Swedish Army can take it on the chin, and that is official. Yesterday it launched its own brand of aftershave lotion, smelling, appropriately enough in this heavily forested land, of pine sap.

The lotion costs £8.50 a bottle and is packed in a camouflaged box. It bears the somewhat nondescript name of All Purpose Lotion, and its recipe is a state secret.

Aftershave is only part of an attempt by the Army to brighten up its image. The wraps were taken off All Purpose Lotion at a fashion

show held at Army headquarters in Stockholm to launch a new range of leisure wear.

This includes jogging outfits in traditional army green trimmed in lime yellow, a wet suit for windsurfing that costs £175, various overalls, boxer shorts, camouflage T-shirts and sweat bands to keep the notoriously long hair of Swedish conscripts in place.

The clothes, made exclusively for the Army by a civilian company, were modelled by two regular soldiers.

American charged with transmitting Aids

From Richard Owen
Brussels

The disclosure that a former American Army sergeant in West Germany has been arrested in Nuremberg, Bavaria, for knowingly passing on the killer disease Aids caused shock waves in Germany and the rest of Europe yesterday. In the first case of its kind the man, whose name has not been revealed, is to be charged with "bodily harm".

West German and EEC officials said that if the detained man's sexual partners eventually died from Aids, the charge against him could be altered to murder. They also said a second man was being investigated in West Germany for having sexual relations

with fellow homosexuals after it had been confirmed that he had been infected.

Legal experts said it was the first time the charge of bodily harm had been applied to Aids. It was already an offence to transmit more traditional venereal diseases, but the Aids case was breaching new legal territory and could provide a precedent.

What alarms EEC and Nato officials is not only the rise of Aids in Western Europe but also the incidence of the disease in Europe's armed forces. There is growing concern in France over the numbers of infected French soldiers returning from Central Africa. Last year, 140 cases of Aids were recorded in the French armed forces. Like

British soldiers serving in Africa, French troops are being warned about their sexual behaviour.

EEC officials say the incidence of Aids is thought to be high in areas near American military installations in Europe, but no statistics have been made available.

According to the European Commission, which is closely monitoring Aids in order to co-ordinate the anti-Aids drive in Europe, the number of registered Aids victims in the EEC is doubling every nine months. The Commission, which is working alongside the World Health Organization (WHO), said 35 new Aids cases were being discovered each week, and there would be 100,000 cases

at least by the end of the decade.

The number of victims will be higher if the rate increases. For every infected person there are up to 100 undetected carriers, the WHO says. Privately, however, some EEC officials are sceptical about the feasibility of a proposal for screening foreign — that is, non-EEC — visitors to Europe.

France and West Germany lead the Aids league table, with 1,050 and 870 known cases respectively. Britain is in third place with over 500 cases. The Belgian authorities, under fire for not matching Britain's Aids advertising campaign, say there are nearly 200 Aids sufferers in Belgium. American Army officials in West Germany yesterday con-

firmed that the man arrested in Nuremberg was a bisexual former US sergeant, aged 45, now working as a civilian cook.

Aids has become a hotly contested political issue in West Germany following the instructions given by Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the right-wing leader of the Christian Social Union (CSU) in Bavaria, for an all-out fight against the disease, which is still associated in the public mind with homosexuality.

The issue has complicated coalition negotiations in Bonn after the elections last month, with Frau Rita Süssmuth, the Health Minister, vehemently resisting Herr Strauss's demand for a compulsory register of Aids victims.

Frau Süssmuth, who is from the Christian Democratic Party, and other CDU leaders argue that such a register might prevent people who thought they had Aids from going to a doctor for tests.

The issue also arouses unpleasant historical parallels for Germans. "Don't forget that under Hitler there was a register of homosexuals as well as one of Jews," one West German woman working in the EEC said.

● KAMPALA: The spread of Aids is reaching alarming proportions in the Ugandan capital, with the city's Mulago Hospital recording between three and five new cases a day (Reuters reports). Other victims were going to Kampala's mission hospitals.

Race problems split Chicago Democrats in City Hall fight

From Charles Bremner, Chicago

"The old man must be turning in his grave," said one of Chicago's white Democratic Party bosses with a mournful wince.

The old man was Mayor Richard Daley. Though he died 10 years ago a spirit of the legendary dictator-mayor still haunts his town as two of his successors tear apart the remnants of his old party machine in a bitter and racially divided race for City Hall.

On Tuesday, Mr Harold Washington, Chicago's first black mayor, stands against Mrs Jane Byrne, who held the job before him, for election as the Democratic candidate to run the city.

Chicago has had no Republican mayor for decades and not even a single Republican council member for 10 years. But the old Democratic Party is so divided that its primary nomination is no longer a guaranteed ticket to City Hall. Two party barons, including Mr Daley's spiritual successor, are running as independent candidates along with a Republican in the April city general elections.

The politics of race eclipsed the power of the monolithic old Daley machine when Mr Washington was elected in 1983 and they persist this year.

It is taken as given that almost all black voters will back Mr Washington, an articulate and charming 64-year-old who has spent much of his four-year term locked in a feud with the white inheritors of the Daley regime.

Blacks make up about 42 per cent of the population of Chicago, America's third largest city, and one that is called the most racially segregated this side of Johannesburg.

According to a Chicago Tribune poll this week, only 2 per cent of blacks said they would vote for Mrs Byrne and 86 per cent rated Mr Washington's performance as excellent.

Mrs Byrne, a shrill 52-year-old with spiky blond hair, is trying to woo the white and Hispanic voters, concentrated in the northern wards, away from voting for Mr Washington. But according to the latest polls, 47 per cent of the 1.52 million registered primary voters prefer Mr Washington compared with 40 per cent for her.

In her final week of campaigning, Mrs Byrne has been scouring the northern lakefront streets, bundled against the freezing wind in a long blue coat, in an increasingly desperate search for support.

The race issue flared 10 days ago when Mrs Byrne seized on a comment from a black liberal lawyer, Mr Eugene Pincham. He said: "Any man south of Madison Street who casts a vote in the February 24 election who doesn't cast a vote for Harold Washington ought to be hung."

Mr Washington apologized but the row marked a turn from acrimonious to bitter in the campaign rhetoric. "Race relations are no different in

Chicago than anywhere else — they're bad," he said, denying that his quarrel with Mrs Byrne is racial.

Criss-crossing the city in his dark blue Cadillac in recent days, he has been telling audiences: "We'll beat Byrne because she's incompetent." The mayor, bulky and grey haired, has been honing in on Mrs Byrne's record in office. He often refers to her as a Snow Queen, an allusion to her surprise election in 1979 which was widely attributed to voters' anger at the failure of the previous administration to clear the streets after a particularly bad storm.

Mr Washington hopes to pick up sizeable support from white voters and has been concentrating lately on the city's strong Polish, Greek, Jewish, Irish, Croatian and other ethnic districts.

Many whites were relieved when Mr Washington improved city services and steered clear of race-based practices such as "bussing". The Mayor has won credit for introducing reforms over the past year since he broke the grip of a pro-Daley rump that held a majority in the 50-seat council and had been trying to retain control of the last remnants of that era.

"Our city had a reputation for years for being venal and corrupt — now we've changed this," Mr Washington told a cheering audience of mainly



Mayor Washington: locked in a four-year feud.

white students at a university hall this week. "It's been a good and glorious four years."

But the Mayor's critics point out that for all his vaunted reforms, several of his associates have trod a well worn Chicago path and been indicted for corruption.

The white contenders from his own party also point to a looming financial crisis for the city whose gleaming high-rise centre belies the fact that it has yet to adapt to the loss of its old heavy industries.

Mr Washington's arch foe is not Mrs Byrne but Mr Vrdolyak, a shrewd veteran of the punch-in-the-nose world of Chicago politics and chairman of the Cook County party organization, Mayor Daley's old machine. Out-maneuvred by Mrs Byrne, he decided to sit out the primary and stand in April as candidate for the Solidarity Party.

"Harold Washington had better tighten his belt, because I'm coming after him," he said.



The Pope holding the hands of Mrs Muzeyyen Agca, the mother of Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk who tried to kill him. He touched her gently on the head and said his meeting with her yesterday was "very moving not only for her but for me."

Mrs Agca, wearing a beige kerchief and a grey coat, asked the Pope to pardon her son and the Pope replied, "I have already done so." Agca is serving a life term for shooting the Pope on May 13, 1981 during his general audience in St Peter's Square.

Californian gives \$750m of art treasures to university

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr Norton Simon, one of California's leading industrialists and art connoisseurs, is close to an agreement for the transfer of his \$750 million (about £475 million) art collections to the University of California at Los Angeles.

Ms Darlene Steels, a university spokeswoman, said yesterday that "serious discussions are in the final stages" and could result in the university taking over responsibility for the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena.

Under the proposed agreement, UCLA would construct a second art museum at its campus in Los Angeles.

She said that such a transfer would become "the largest gift ever made to an American university". The collections of Mr Simon, aged 80, and his wife Jennifer Jones, the ac-

live, not just survive. The university, through the unique dimension of education, can lend vitality to these great works of art. I believe deeply in education and I feel that it is most fitting to devote our art collections to its service."

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Hall 'upset Customs officer'

From A Correspondent, Oistins, Barbados

Miss Jerry Hall, the fashion model, told a court here yesterday how she upset a Customs officer with her sarcasm and later found herself with a package containing marijuana which she claimed was not hers.

"I got very angry and asked him if it was some kind of frame-up," the 30-year-old girlfriend of the Rolling Stones singer, Mick Jagger, said from the witness box.

Miss Hall said she had gone to the airport to collect some personal property she had instructed their butler in Mustique, where they own a house, to send over.

She had gone to collect the package herself because cus-

tom regulations demanded that she sign for it. When she arrived she was kept waiting for 30 minutes and became anxious about her two children.

"I said if I had known it would have taken so long I would have been an appointment. I was being sarcastic. The supervisor got quite cross and said 'come with me'."

They went into a Customs office, where he pointed to a chair on which there was a cardboard box. There were no other packages around and he said: "Is that your box?"

She said she was not sure but would open it up to see what was inside, and if it did

not contain her belongings the box definitely was not hers.

"I opened it up quite easily. I looked inside and saw some packages and said that is not mine."

At the start of yesterday's proceedings a lawyer acting for the two defence QCs protested about an ITN item which reported that Miss Hall's lawyers had privately approached the magistrate in an effort to get him to drop the case. This was a malicious lie, the lawyer said.

Miss Hall denies possessing 20.5 lb of marijuana which the prosecution claims she picked up at the local airport on January 21. The hearing continues.

Scientists find clue to fatal brain disorder

New York (NYT) — A potentially crucial clue to the cause of Alzheimer's disease has been reported by scientists studying the inherited form of the brain disorder.

The discovery, announced on Thursday, was one of several made recently that appear to open new horizons for biological study of the disease, which causes profound mental deterioration in middle-aged and elderly people. More than a million Americans have the disease.

The advances result from increased scientific interest in Alzheimer's disease in the past few years and new research techniques in molecular biology.

"Our discovery is the first definitive lead to an actual cause of Alzheimer's disease," said Dr Peter St George-Hyslop of Massachusetts General Hospital, the principal author of a report published yesterday in the journal Science. The hospital, in Boston, is affiliated to Harvard Medical School.

He and his colleagues have found evidence that there is a defective gene on chromosome 21 that causes familial Alzheimer's disease, the hereditary form of the illness. Experts say at least 10 percent of cases are hereditary, but other cases not obviously linked to heredity may be caused by a mix of environmental and genetic factors.

Four other research teams reported this week the positive identification of a gene for a protein that is found in the characteristic clumps, or amyloid plaques, and tangled fibers in the brains of Alzheimer's disease sufferers.

This gene, too, is in the same region of chromosome 21.

Whether the amyloid plaques are causes or effects of the disease is not known, but this may be determined in the next year.

Scientists do not expect the research to produce cures or preventive measures in the foreseeable future. But they do expect, in time, to find ways of using their discoveries for predicting and diagnosing the disease. There could even be treatments if scientists learn enough about the underlying genetic defect to devise strategies for mitigating or compensating for the faulty gene's effects.

Alzheimer's disease has been known since 1906, but its cause is still unknown. There is no cure nor any known treatment that can halt the progress of the disease. Gradually patients become bereft of memory and the ability to think coherently. In the final stages death results from complications such as pneumonia, urinary tract infection and other problems common to bed-ridden elderly patients.

Amyloid plaques are also found in the normal ageing human brain and some diseases other than Alzheimer's, including in adults who suffer from "Down's" syndrome, a genetic disorder that causes mental retardation.

Interest has been heightened by the fact that Down's syndrome is caused by the existence of an extra copy of chromosome 21. Humans have roughly 100,000 genes on 23 pairs of chromosomes.

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Smith hastens his own political demise

From Jan Raath
Harare

Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesia Prime Minister, has by his own words accelerated the move to end constitutionally-entrenched white parliamentary representation in Zimbabwe, and thereby finish his own political career.

In Johannesburg last week Mr Smith told South African businessmen that Rhodesia had weathered sanctions for 15 years by means of unity and sacrifices, and advised them to do the same.

Yesterday, Dr Nathan Shamuyarira, the Minister of Information, denounced Mr Smith as a "fifth columnist" undermining Zimbabwe's own campaign to have the world impose sanctions on South Africa.

clearly that the new political order in Zimbabwe has no place for the views of Mr Ian Smith," he said.

He promised to speed up proposed legislation that this year will almost certainly see white MPs voted out of Parliament, to ensure that Mr Smith's party, the Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe, "should have no role whatsoever in Zimbabwe".

No comment was available from Mr Smith, who is still in South Africa.

In April, when Zimbabwe celebrates its seventh birthday, it will be able to effect the first important changes to the labyrinthine document drawn up at Lancaster House in 1979, thanks to the automatic reduction to manageable levels of the votes required to make constitutional amendments.

The first section to go will

be the 20 seats reserved for the choices of the white electorate in the 100-seat House of Assembly.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, has frequently deplored the "racist" system that has one seat for every 36,000 black voters and one for every 1,500 of the white electorate, and which forces him to sit through lectures on human rights from the man who had him detained without trial for more than 10 years.

It is unclear, however, how long it will be before the requisite constitutional amendment is tabled before the House of Assembly.

Along with the abolition of the 20 white seats there will have to be legislation altering the "common" voters' roll for non-whites to include whites, and changing the composition of the House of Assembly to

include MPs elected by common-roll voters, if indeed the Government decides to open all 20 new seats to the common roll.

The ruling Zanu (PF) party is known to have been lobbied for the inclusion of seats for members appointed to represent the sectoral interests of agriculture, mining and industry. If adopted, the measure would almost certainly see white faces back in the House, albeit on a non-political basis.

It is not possible simply to add 20 new common-roll constituencies to Zimbabwe's electoral map, as it is already divided into 80. To distribute 100 new constituencies evenly over the country would imply the need for a new boundary-drawing exercise and new elections only two years after the last general election.

It is thought likely, how-

ever, that a less drastic option will be chosen, although no suggestions have yet been made public here.

A further ramification is the existence of the upper house, the Senate, the 40 members of which are elected by 10 constituencies, with no white MPs in the assembly, the 10 white senators are left in limbo.

Mr Mugabe has made it known, however, that he plans to dissolve the Senate, where members regularly complain with indignation that ministers fail to turn up to address them.

Another probable amendment is the dissolution of Zimbabwe's non-executive presidency, a position being held for his second term by the Rev Canaan Banana, a popular and respected Methodist preacher with interests ranging from football and poetry to theology and poultry farming.

Factions in Chinese politics

Old guard stage comeback over succession to Deng

From Robert Grievs, Peking

The continuing debate over who will succeed Mr Deng Xiaoping as China's paramount leader has focused attention on the importance of political factions in the People's Republic.

The debate was formally touched off on January 16 by the abrupt dismissal of Mr Hu Yaobang as General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party. Until then, Mr Hu had been the second most powerful man in the Government.

It now appears that several conservative factions are jockeying with the reform-minded faction headed by Mr Deng to put forward a man to replace him when he retires from public life some time within the next two years.

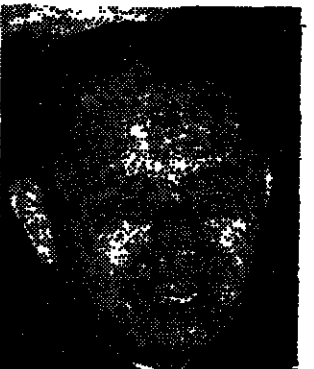
At the moment analysts are unsure who that man might be. All anyone knows for sure is that an intense struggle within the Government is now underway.

Contrary to popular belief in the West, China is not a monolithic state guided by a few men at the top, but rather a political patchwork of shifting alliances and cliques that are usually built around strong personalities. Such factions are known as *pai*.

Because of party factionalism, political power in China

has remained loosely decentralized since 1949. Policy decisions implemented in Peking, for example, are not always fully carried out in the provinces, or at the rural township level, despite repeated exhortations to do so in the media.

Foreign observers in Peking suggest, moreover, that the current "anti-bourgeois liberalization" campaign against Western thought will be used, outside Peking, to settle personal and political scores dating back to the Cultural Revolution (from 1965 to 1976) and the Anti-Rightist Campaign of the 1950s.



Hu Yaobang: his dismissal touched off debate.

"The old saying that heaven is high and the emperor far away means that the policy can, and usually will, be distorted at a lower level. The farther one travels from the capital, the less influential the central Government becomes," said a Chinese observer.

For that reason, a Chinese New Year speech by Mr Zhao Ziyang, China's Prime Minister and acting party General Secretary, in which he attempted to limit the scope of the current anti-Western thought campaign, may not be very effective outside Peking.

"By removing Hu Yaobang from office, Deng may have unleashed political forces that will be difficult to control," a Western diplomat said.

Though factionalism is endemic among the world's Communist Parties, principally because they do not provide for the stable transfer of power, it has also been characteristic of Chinese imperial governments for centuries. Until 1911, the intrigues of court eunuchs often exerted more influence on a Chinese ruler than his ministers.

In China since 1949 regional competition has contributed to the formation of competing cliques within the

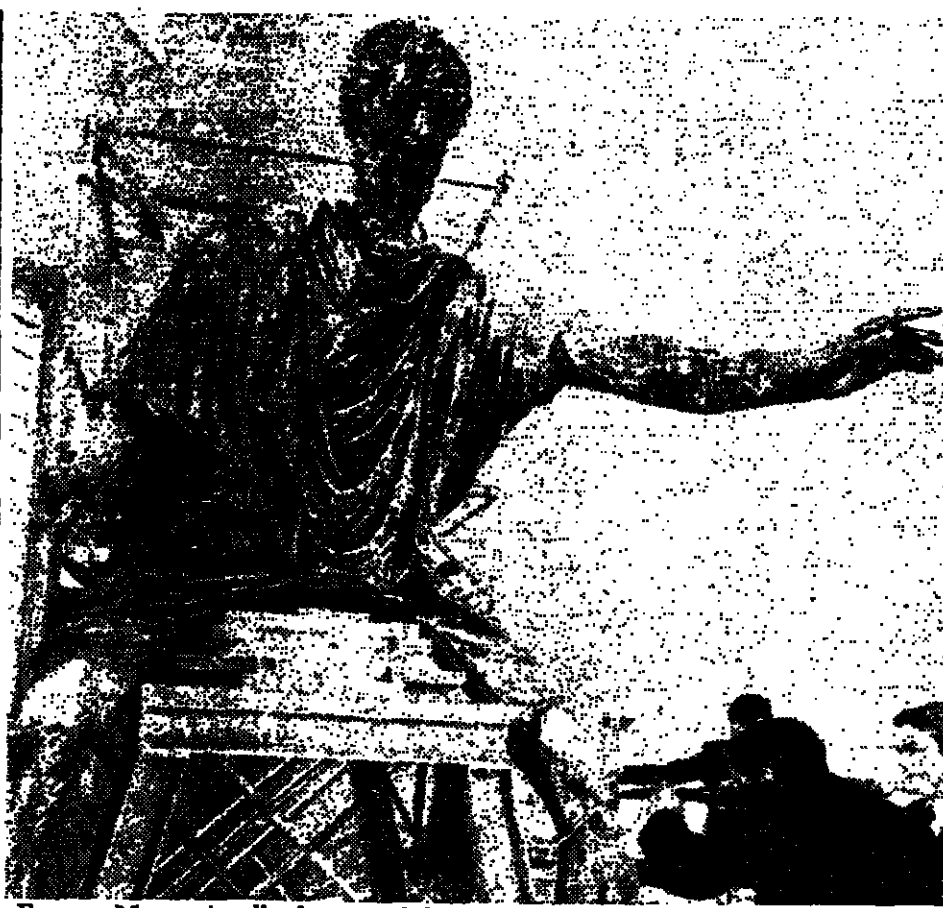
central Government. Many of the most talented bureaucrats at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other powerful ministries, for example, come from Shanghai, an old rival of Peking.

On the other hand Canton, China's great southern commercial centre, boasts few leaders in the central Government. That stems in part from the northerners' generalized bias against the south, even though Sun Yat-sen considered the grandfather of the Chinese Communist revolution, was a Cantonese.

In fact, virtually all modern China's principal leaders have come from the country's 10 big east-coast provinces.

Who's up and who's down now? In a recent issue of *Qing Ming*, a Hong Kong newspaper, China's current political factions were listed.

According to the newspaper, there is an "Obey Deng Xiaoping, obey Chen Yun" (a conservative economic planner) faction, an "Old Liners" faction, a "Disappointed" faction (middle-level leaders who never made it to the top), a "Middle Elements" faction and a faction of political figures who "belong neither to Deng's faction nor to Chen's faction".



Emperor Marcus Aurelius in suspended animation waiting to be reunited with his steed.

New life for an unseated emperor

Rome (Reuters) — The Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius has been unseated from his horse, strapped up and left suspended in mid-air since early 1980, but the city authorities say he could be back in the saddle within a year.

Seven years after restorers removed the 1,800-year-old bronze equestrian statue of the emperor from its position in the heart of the ancient Roman Capitol, the money has at last been found to return it to its former state.

But there is still a problem for the

authorities to solve. Until last week, when an insurance company donated 600 million lire (£300,000) to restore the statue, there had been very little thought about what to do with the much-loved monument after the ravages caused by traffic pollution and exposure to the elements had been repaired.

Now a decision has to be made and, to howls of protest from some Romans, environmental experts say it may prove impossible to put the emperor back in his place.

Peking blow for Western fashions

From David Bonavia Hong Kong

The modernization of fashion in China has been dealt a blow by complaints in the official media that too many people have abandoned the so-called Mao suit in favour of Western-style clothing.

In recent years more and more Chinese officials, especially those dealing with foreigners, have taken to wearing Western suits and ties instead of the high-collared tunic with frontal pockets, which the Chinese call the "Sun Yat-sen suit", in honour of the revolutionary who first popularized the tunic later adopted by Mao Tse-tung.

The overseas edition of the *People's Daily* said in a commentary that the neglect of the typical Communist garb "cannot but make people ask whether we have really lost something in our national spirit".

It went on: "Let us wipe away the dust of history and dispel the thick fog. The Sun Yat-sen tunic can also be regarded as beautiful."

Observers link the criticism of Western clothes with the recent spate of complaints by some senior leaders that the reforms espoused by Mr Deng Xiaoping, the elder statesman, and his supporters, are letting in too many foreign influences.

The Anzus rift

Lange forced to rely on Canberra

From Stephen Taylor, Canberra

New Zealand is being forced to turn increasingly to Canberra for its defence needs in the aftermath of the Anzus split and following the American disclosure last month that it is to suspend an agreement on preferential arms supplies with the Lange Government.

Confirming this growing dependence, New Zealand sources here foresee that Canberra will be asked in Wellington next month to act as a conduit for new light frigates required by the Royal New Zealand Navy.

An \$A30m (£12.6 million) contract for army rifles was agreed by the two old allies recently, and New Zealand is also understood to be interested in buying from Australia a Swiss air force trainer being manufactured here under licence.

None of these deals is a direct consequence of Washington's decision not to renew a memorandum of understanding which has allowed New Zealand to buy defence supplies at special rates.

But they reflect the importance in defence that Australia has assumed for New Zealand, which was not only suspended from Anzus, but was also excluded from US intelligence exchanges, and was snubbed by Britain when the Royal Navy declined to exercise with the New Zealand Navy.

Spirals are evident on both sides. In December Mr Bill Hayden, Canberra's Foreign Minister, told the Lange Government it could not expect

Australia to take the American's place as a defence partner. New Zealand is irked by its dependence.

Intelligence exchange is one area in which the relationship is particularly sensitive. Before the Anzus rift, intelligence was exchanged freely between the partners but Australia has now to be careful not to pass on to New Zealand any information obtained from the US. A New Zealand source says: "It does make for strain, when (the Australians) are having to think, 'Can we show this to them?'"

New Zealand's exclusion from war games with the US and Britain has also imposed an obligation on Australia to take on an even more active role as exercise partner.

These and other matters will come up at the annual consultative meeting between the defence establishments of the two countries in the first week in March.

It is then that New Zealand strategists are hoping that a memorandum of understanding will be signed linking them with Canberra's projected construction of new frigates. The New Zealand navy hopes to replace at least two of its ageing Leander class frigates in this way.

A number of European manufacturers, including the Yarrow shipyard in Britain, have submitted design proposals for a frigate, eight of which would be made here in a contract worth about \$A3.5 billion.

Australia defines new Pacific defence role

Canberra — The Government of Mr Bob Hawke yesterday outlined a new South Pacific strategy which elevates the region in Australia's defence priorities (Our Correspondent writes).

Mr Kim Beazley, Minister of Defence, told Parliament that the policy was intended to put Australia's defence relations with Pacific island states on the same footing as those with the nations of South-East Asia.

He made no reference to the concerns voiced by US strategists of a Soviet build-up in the Pacific, speaking instead of the risk of "disputes between the major powers" and saying that "influences which could be harmful to our interests may be introduced in the region".

Yesterday's statement was a policy outline foreshadowing of a defence White Paper to be introduced in Parliament next

month, which will define strategy into the next century. Since Canberra's last major defence blueprint, in 1976, the South Pacific has undergone significant geo-political change, with the emergence of half a dozen independent island states.

Specific measures in the initiative announced yesterday include increasing deployment of RAAF patrol aircraft and more frequent ship visits. These are to go hand in hand with an earlier commitment to supply patrol boats costing \$A61.7m (£26 million) to Papua New Guinea, Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and the Cook Islands.

"We do this not as a major power seeking to impose its view on smaller, less powerful nations, but rather as a friend, counsellor and equal partner to our regional neighbours," Mr Beazley said.

Soviet visit to boost links with Indonesia

From Our Correspondent, Jakarta

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze will visit Indonesia early next month, a Soviet Embassy spokesman said yesterday. It will be the first visit by a Soviet foreign minister to this staunchly anti-communist country in 27 years.

The spokesman gave no details of the visit, which will follow Mr Shevardnadze's trip to Australia from March 3 to 5. In Canberra, the Soviet Ambassador to Australia was quoted as saying that the two visits were intended to enhance Moscow's relations

with the Pacific region. Indonesia, which once had the second largest Communist Party in Asia after China, has been strongly anti-communist since President Suharto came to power after a Communist-backed coup attempt in 1965. At the time Jakarta froze relations with Peking, but ties with Moscow continued on a low and correct level, marred only by a spying scandal involving the manager of the Soviet airline Aeroflot in 1982. Since then bilateral visits between the two countries have been stepped up.

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Soviet reform programme

Gorbachov uses Baltic tour to stress Politburo support for his policies

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

In an apparent attempt to dispel rumours of divisions within the Politburo, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, has asserted publicly that he has the full support of all its 18 voting and non-voting members for his reform programme, which is meeting stiff resistance at lower levels of the Communist hierarchy.

Mr Gorbachov's remarks came during a widely publicized whistle-stop tour of the sensitive Baltic region, which he has used as a means for driving home to the Soviet public, via televised speeches and wisecracking walkabouts, his determination to press ahead with his revolutionary plans for change.

"I believe deeply in what we have begun," Mr Gorbachov stated in the picturesque Estonian capital of Tallinn, home of many of the radical economic and social experiments which have recently been spread to other less sophisticated and less prosperous corners of the huge communist state.

"If I were told that we must now stop restructuring... in the first place, I would never agree to that, and I do not want to link myself with any other policy. Therefore for me there is no other course, and the comrades who work with me in the Politburo and the Government have made the same choice. It is our common position, our common line;

there is no other course for them."

His assertion of full support among the Politburo, 10 of whose members have votes in addition to his own, is accepted by informed Western diplomatic sources here, who are dismissive of suggestions that Mr Gorbachov is at loggerheads with his number two, the party's ideological chief, Mr Viktor Ligachev.

The sources also attach little significance to the fact that Mr Gorbachov was reported to have hinted to a group of senior Soviet reporters last week that he might have resigned if his reform package had not been accepted by last month's three-day plenary session of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

"That was nothing more than an effective piece of rhetoric," one diplomat explained. "Mr Gorbachov knew well in advance that his programme would win approval, and that if it did not, it

was not a question of resigning; he would have been effectively overthrown."

The trip to the Baltic has been given blanket coverage in the Soviet media, causing some Muscovites to complain in private about the amount of air-time devoted to the question of the restructuring. One noted with unconcealed irritation that the main evening news bulletin on Thursday night had devoted more than 45 minutes to the visit.

In the Latvian capital, Riga, Mr Gorbachov told party officials that the electoral experiments he had proposed for the whole party would be discussed in detail at the next Plenum of the Central Committee, and then at next year's all-union conference, the first of its kind since 1941.

Elections to local soviets (councils) in certain, so far unspecified, areas of the country later this year are going to be conducted by the new democratic method as an experiment, the overall implementation of which will be geared partially to that.

Many of his remarks contained warnings of what one diplomat here described as "unappealing blood, sweat and tears", accompanied by a warning that the next few years would be the worst.

"Realistically evaluating the situation, the most difficult time for us will be this year and the following two... This is the only correct road. And we must take it."



Sir Stanley Matthews, one of the greatest football players England has produced, emphasizing a point to young aspiring soccer stars at the Green Point stadium, Cape Town, where he is giving a three-day soccer clinic for underprivileged boys.

Britain to veto Pretoria sanctions

From Zoriana Pysarskiy New York

Britain and the United States prepared to use their power of veto to block a mandatory South African sanctions resolution in the United Nations Security Council yesterday, despite a plea from African states that an economic embargo was the only means of pressuring the Pretoria Government into dismantling apartheid and avoiding all-out bloodshed.

The vote was to be the culmination of four days of debate, in which Sir John Thompson, the British representative, sought to draw the his Government out of its

isolated position on sanctions and deflect international criticism that the British policy was encouraging violence and intransigence in Pretoria.

Britain was under particular pressure because the sanctions package before the Council is identical to the one adopted by the US Congress in October.

Nevertheless, Washington was set to join Britain in blocking the measure because of its opposition to mandatory punitive action.

West Germany, which prevented the EEC from adopting a ban on South African coal exports, was also expected to vote against.

In his statement, the British representative said that the

surest prescription for making the situation in South Africa worse would be the imposition of punitive sanctions.

● JOHANNESBURG: Ciskei, one of South Africa's nominally-independent black tribal homelands, yesterday accused Pretoria of being an accessory to an attack last Thursday on the home of its President-for-life, Chief Lennox Sebe, allegedly launched from neighbouring Transkei (Michael Hornsby writes).

Ciskei's Director of Communications, Mr Headman Somtunzi, said yesterday that Ciskei was "surprised as to how army trucks from Transkei passed through the Republic

of South Africa without being detected. Bearing in mind the time the attackers spent on South African soil... it is incomprehensible why they were not spotted."

● LIBYANS HELD: The South African Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, yesterday announced the arrest of five "Libyan-trained terrorists" and two people who allegedly helped them. They were entering South Africa from Botswana, Mr Vlok said.

● BOY RELEASED: A malnourished two-year-old black boy was released this week after spending eight months in jail with his detained mother (AP reports).

Punjab rallies behind premier

From Our Own Correspondent Delhi

A wave of admiration is building up for the embattled Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, for his calm, determined, principled and dignified demeanour in the face of attacks by opponents, and, especially, for the way he appears to be outflanking them.

The wave found public expression yesterday in a mass meeting of Sikh supporters of his Government at Longowal village where the assassinated leader of the Sikh political party the Akali Dal, Sant Harchand Singh, came from.

Mr Surjit Singh heads a Government formed by the Longowal wing of the Akalis. At the meeting, which as many as half a million people were claimed by the organizers to have attended, the order of the Sikh high priests excommunicating Mr Surjit Singh was thoroughly ignored.

Senior party leaders, veteran group heads, priests, and representatives of Sikh organizations from all over the country were present to show their defiance of the order calling for a social and religious boycott of the Chief Minister.

A resolution expressing full faith in Mr Surjit Singh's leadership, and promising to fight united against the forces



Surjit Singh: Determined, principled and dignified, of disruption and terrorism was passed by a massive show of hands.

The Chief Minister said that he believed in the supremacy of the Akali Takht - the seat of authority in the Sikh religion, whence his excommunication had been pronounced - but insisted that its authority had been misused.

He said the decision to cut him off from Sikh society was taken not on religious but political grounds.

Despite his excommunication, he said, he was a religious man, and continued to read daily prayers from the Sikh scriptures.

The swell of support for Mr Surjit Singh is making things difficult for those of his colleagues who are anxious to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds. He has already dealt firmly with one minister who withdrew from contact with him but who tried to hang on to his portfolio. He was sacked.

Another 19 members of his party, including nine ministers, have been disclosed as having put their services at the disposal of the head priests at the Akali Takht, but 12 of them were present yesterday (though absentees included some notable figures).

Most prominent among the 12 was the Finance Minister, Mr Balwant Singh, who criticized the high priests for ignoring the 70-year-old constitution of the Akali party and for trying to frame a new one instead.

He too said that they had taken their decision under "pressure from terrorists and extremists".

But Mr Balwant Singh's position was made rather more uncomfortable by the head priest of the Akali Takht, Mr Darshan Singh Ragi, who yesterday accused him of disobeying the directive of the priests by continuing to have social relations with Mr Surjit Singh.

The high priest, who is in hospital recovering from a hypertensive attack, directed Mr Balwant Singh to accept fully the directive, particularly as he had offered his religious service to the supreme temporal authority of the Sikhs.

Zimbabwe grain for neighbours

Harare (AP) - The United States yesterday signed a grain exchange deal with Zimbabwe to help feed starving people in neighbouring Mozambique.

The US will deliver to Zimbabwe 3,372 tons of wheat in exchange for 2,700 tons of Zimbabwean maize which will be given to Mozambique.

Zimbabwe has a two-million ton stockpile of maize, enough to feed its 8 million people for two years. In Mozambique an estimated 5 million people are threatened with starvation.

Shock claim

Seoul (AFP) - Park Chong-Chul, a South Korean student who died during police interrogation last month, was killed by electric shocks and not suffocation as the authorities claimed, according to the opposition New Korea Democratic Party, which called for an investigation.

Slum raid

Santo Domingo (AP) - Dominican police armed with automatic weapons raided areas of Santo Domingo and arrested dozens of youngsters suspected of gang warfare, robbery, murder and rape.

New minister

Oslo (Reuters) - Norway's Labour Government has appointed Mr William Engseth as Minister of Municipal and Labour Affairs, replacing Mr Leif Haraldseth who has resigned to head the Norwegian Trade Union Federation.

Six hanged

Kuala Lumpur (Reuters) - Malaysian prison authorities hanged six convicted drug traffickers this week, but officials provided no details.

Rat slaughter

Peking (AP) - An estimated 15 million rats have been killed in an extermination campaign which began in Peking last November with the spreading of 1,150 tons of poison throughout the city.

Tick-tock tum

Dares Salaam (AP) - A Dar es Salaam thief who swallowed a stolen wristwatch confessed to police that he regularly swallowed stolen items to hide them.

UN toll rises in south Lebanon

Roadside blast kills French bomb disposal officer

From Robert Fisk, Haris, southern Lebanon

"This is Unifil 155. The French warrant officer who was looking at the bomb is dead." The voice was Irish, a flat Dublin accent that came through the radio with an unemotional, careful enunciation. "This is Unifil Ops. Can you repeat please?"

Another voice now: "This is Unifil 155 - a French warrant officer is dead."

The radio voices were almost interrupting each other. It had been scarcely five minutes since the small, stocky moustachioed French UN adjutant - all the Irish troops were to remember him later - had walked down the little wadi to examine the roadside bomb.

"This is Unifil Ops. Who told you the French officer was dead?"

Unifil 155 reported back: "I was told by a French officer who was wearing a flak jacket and walking up the road towards me."

There is always a moment of disbelief in any army when death touches the soldier. That moment now passed. The Irish battalion's medical officer had been to the body outside the village of Haris and found that the bomb had blown the adjutant's face away.

The first reports suggested that Israel's proxy South Lebanon Army militia may have fired at the French adjutant as he examined the bomb. The

"This is Unifil 466," came his voice. "The body of the French officer has severe facial lacerations, compound fractures of one leg and his flak jacket was blown off him."

The UN's latest fatality in southern Lebanon thus became another statistic. He was one of the very few bomb

The cooling of West German relations with Syria as a protest against its involvement in terrorism has lasted a bare three months (A Correspondent writes from Bonn). A Foreign Ministry spokesman said here yesterday that Bonn had sought permission from Damascus to send a new ambassador, after refusing to replace the previous one in November at the end of his normal tour of duty.

disposal officers here and he died, it seems, actually holding the explosives in his arms. The blast had hurled him 15 feet down the wadi. But his death, like most in Lebanon, was not without confusion or indeed controversy.

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looted damaged shops. In one street, two Syrian soldiers stood in bullet-proof jackets. "I feel safer moving where the Syrians are," one woman said. "They are regular soldiers after all."

Two leaders of a left-wing alliance in the battles, Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze chief, and the Communist Party secretary-general, Mr Georges Hawi, arrived in Damascus on Thursday night amid indirect warnings that Syria might send in troops.

The leftists had no immediate meeting with Mr Berri, whose Syrian-backed Shia militia lost control of some west Beirut areas but defended its main strongholds.

Mr Jumblatt held a short meeting with the Syrian Vice-President, Mr Abdel Halim Khaddam, but declined to talk to reporters.

Irish medical officer reported no bullet wounds. But he did see a French vehicle firing eastwards, perhaps towards an SLA position. Several tank rounds fired by the militia did explode 100 yards or so from the bomb, but before or after it exploded in the adjutant's arms remains unclear.

The French UN deputy force commander climbed into a helicopter at Naqura with his ADC, patiently urging the Italian crew to take off at once. He flew down to Tibnin, starting from the window at dark, stony wadis that slid below him as if they contained some clue to his soldier's death. The trip took only 11 minutes, and he bounded from the helicopter into the waiting UN estate wagon as if there was a life still to save.

The radio had already made it clear that there was not "This is Swedmedcoy (Swedish Medical Company)," a woman's voice said matter-of-factly. "We are ready to receive the body."

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Berri optimistic on Waite

Rome (Reuters) - Mr Nabih Berri, the Lebanese Shia leader, said yesterday he was sure the Archbishop of Canterbury's missing envoy, Mr Terry Waite, would be released but it could take weeks or months.

In an interview with Italian television broadcast last night, the chief of the Amal militia said he was sure Mr Waite would be freed "soon".

"But by this I don't mean in the space of 24 hours. It will more likely be weeks or months, but he will be freed," Mr Berri said. He was interviewed in Damascus.

Mr Waite disappeared in Beirut more than a month ago while on a mission to secure the release of Western hostages held in Lebanon. Militia and political sources say he was kidnapped by the captors of foreigners he sought to free.

Asked about the Amal siege of refugee camps in Lebanon, Mr Berri denied that his men were against the Palestinian cause. But he said the Palestinians were trying to regain control of south Lebanon and this was unacceptable to Amal.

● BEIRUT: Rival Muslim gunmen sniped, built up barricades and fired machine-guns and grenade-launchers at west Beirut flashpoints yesterday as talks began in Damascus to try to end five days of inter-militia battles (Reuters reports).

In some areas, pacified by Syrian-backed ceasefire patrols, dazed people emerged briefly to buy food and inspect the devastation left by the fighting, which police said killed 150 people and wounded 500. Long queues formed outside bakeries. Children

Gandhi promises to aid new state of Mizoram

From Michael Hamlyn, Aizawl, Mizoram

Not far from the new state of Mizoram in the tiny hill village of Nuthi - the name means Eagle's Blood, and a dead kite was hanging there like a totem - a villager considered what had been gained by 20 years of insurgency against the Indian Government and what the accord that ended it meant.

"We accept," he said, screwing up his almond-shaped eyes against the brilliant spring sunshine, "that the Government of India cares for us... especially Rajiv Gandhi. And as we become a state like other states, we shall be equal to rest of India."

Yesterday Mizoram officially became the 23rd state of the Indian union, in a ceremony with tribal dancing, choir singing and drum beating on the parade ground of the Assam Rifles, in the capital Aizawl. Mr Gandhi, the Indian Prime

Minister, was on hand to declare that the insurgency had been "unfortunate" and to urge his listeners: "Let us forget the past now and move onwards in our quest for peace and prosperity."

The feeling of separatism of the Mizo tribesmen, their consciousness of their ethnic, cultural and religious differences from the rest of India, has now found expression in statehood, and Mr Gandhi promised them that the central Government would provide all assistance to Mizoram for its economic development.

He also congratulated the newly elected Chief Minister of the state, Mr Lalengpa, on his victory at the polls, which he described as "gentlemanly".

The Prime Minister then flew to another north-eastern territory,



Arumachal Pradesh, which yesterday became the country's 24th fully fledged state. Four times bigger than Mizoram and with a

slightly larger population, Arumachal's principal problem is its huge neighbour, China. According to Indian officials, the Chinese, who lay claim to the whole of the state, actually occupy part of it.

Yesterday's ceremonies were marred by a protest by the opposition People's Party of Arumachal, who complained that the Bill granting statehood was irrational.

All seven areas of the north-east have now got full statehood, respecting the ethnic and other differences of their tribal inhabitants. In three of them - Tripura, Manipur and Nagaland - there are continuing insurgencies.

Statehood is due to be granted to another union territory, Goa Daman and Diu on the other side of the subcontinent, soon. But first the Goans will have to sort out their differences over what should be the new state's official language.

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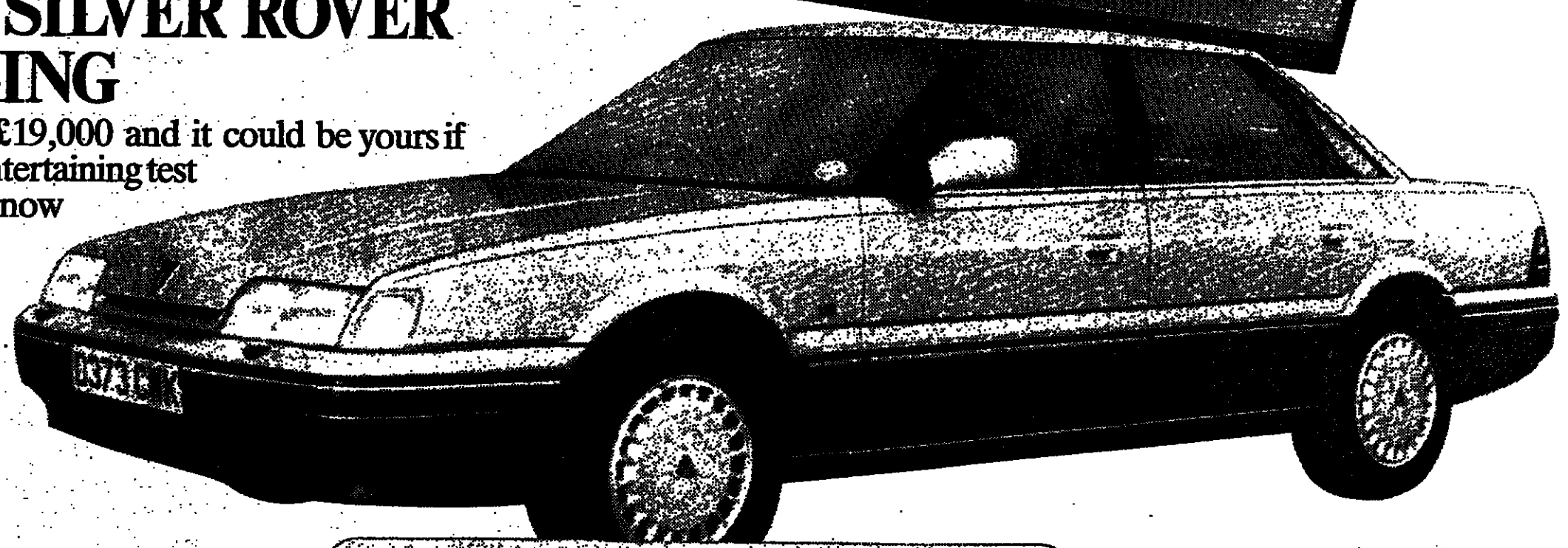
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Police not liable for murder victim

Hill v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police
Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Gledhill and Sir Rousleyn Cumming-Bruce
[Judgment February 19]

No cause of action lay against the police for the consequences of a direct physical attack upon one citizen by another, who was not a police officer or was not in police custody or otherwise under police control.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, so held in dismissing an appeal by Mrs Doreen Hill against an order of Sir Neil Lawson by which, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, he struck out her claim against the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police.

Mr Richard Clegg, QC and Mr John Morris Collins for Mrs Hill; Mr Alan Rawley, QC and Mr Richard Rains for the chief constable.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the plaintiff was the mother and sole representative of Miss Jacqueline Hill, who died aged 20 in 1980.

It was the plaintiff's case that about 9.30pm on November 17, 1980 Miss Hill was attacked in a street in Leeds by one Peter Sutcliffe and thereby suffered injuries from which she died on or about the same day. In 1981 Sutcliffe was found guilty of the murder of Miss Hill.

The plaintiff alleged that between 1969 and November 17, 1980, Sutcliffe committed a series of offences against young or fairly young women mostly in the metropolitan police area of West Yorkshire.

Those offences consisted of eight cases of attempted murder and 13 cases of murder, including that of Miss Hill. Sutcliffe had been commonly referred to as the Yorkshire Ripper. Although his victims were women, their Lordships were told that he was not a rapist.

The mode of assault and the circumstances of the offences were said to resemble one another to such an extent that it was reasonable to infer that the offences were committed by the same man; and accordingly it was at all material times foreseeable that if he was not apprehended he would commit further similar offences.

Accordingly, it was contended that it was the duty of the chief constable and his officers to exercise all reasonable skill and care to apprehend the perpetrator of the crime but they were in breach of that duty.

The chief constable was sued under section 48(1) of the Police Act 1964, under which the chief officer for the police area was liable for torts committed by constables under his direction and control.

The plaintiff was not a dependant of Miss Hill and their Lordships were told that she did not seek to recover damages for her own benefit but wished to use them to establish a charitable trust to commemorate her daughter.

The chief constable applied to strike out the statement of claim as disclosing no cause of action. The judge, in the application, held that Miss Hill was not in such a relationship with the defendant or his officers as to give rise to any duty of care in relation to the apprehension of Sutcliffe.

The issue was whether under the law of England any cause of action lay against the police for the consequences of a direct physical attack upon one citizen by another in circumstances where the attacker was not a police officer and was not in police custody or having been arrested had been allowed to escape but where reasonable care on the part of the police would have resulted in the attacker's previous arrest.

It was a novel point, in the sense that it had not previously been decided, and could not be said to be unarguable in the sense that there was a short answer to it.

It was proper to inquire whether it was just and reasonable that such a duty of care as the plaintiff contended for should be established as *Gordon v The Mayor of London and City of London* (1985) 3 WLR 953, 966.

The police had no general exemption from the ordinary law of negligence. *Gordon v The Mayor of London and City of London* (1985) 3 WLR 953, 966.

Further, the police were liable for assault, unlawful arrest, wrongful imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

All those cases were, however, cases where the injury suffered by the complainant was the direct consequence of the acts of the police.

No case had been cited in any of the United Kingdom or Commonwealth or United States jurisdictions where the police had been made liable for the acts of a criminal on the ground that they should previously have apprehended him.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC and Mr Christopher Floyd for the plaintiff; **Mr Paul Dickens** for the defendant; **Mr Geoffrey Hobbs** for the second and fourth defendants.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the defendants had now conceded that the documents and affidavits could be used in the conduct of the 1984 action.

The use of documents disclosed in one action in another was usually a breach of the implied undertaking given to the court not to use them for a "collateral or ulterior purpose".

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff. *Crest Homes plc v Marks and Others*.

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Nourse
[Judgment February 20]

A party to an action could not use documents which were in its possession pursuant to an order for discovery in that action in proceedings in respect of alleged failure to comply with a similar order in another action without the leave of the court, even though the subject matter and parties in each action were substantially the same. Such use without leave would constitute a breach of the implied undertaking given to the court that documents discovered would not be used for any collateral or ulterior purpose.

Section 72 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 had not abrogated the requirement for such leave in actions concerning infringement of rights pertaining to intellectual property, but since that section had withdrawn the privilege against self-incrimination in such cases it was no answer to an application for such leave to grant it would be tantamount to ordering discovery in aid of contempt proceedings.

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The case had to be determined on principle and, if necessary, policy.

The police had a duty to enforce the law. But the duty was not as wide as it looked: see *R v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis* (1983) 2 QB 118, 136.

They had a wide range of activities to perform, and limited resources with which to perform them. The performance of a duty in relation to one group of persons might involve neglect in relation to another group.

The risk of injury to a citizen if a violent criminal was not apprehended was something which could be said to be foreseeable. But foreseeability was not necessarily the test of whether a duty of care existed.

In *Dorset Yacht Co v Home Office* (1970) AC 1004, the House of Lords, on a preliminary issue, held that the borsal officers owed a duty to take such care as was reasonable in all the circumstances to prevent the boys under their control from causing damage of which there was a manifest risk if they neglected that duty; and that public policy did not require that there should be immunity from action in such a case.

His Lordship did not agree with the plaintiff that that case bore a close similarity to the present. First, the boys were in the custody of the borsal officers when they escaped. That was the basis of the "special relationship" that existed in that case. Second, the duty of care held to exist there was very limited: see p1039 of the report.

In the present case the duty which was being contended for, the duty of care in the conduct of investigation into crime, was a duty of great width. It was a duty, in effect, to all unaccompanied young women in the West Yorkshire police area.

It would not be a satisfactory state of the law to hold that persons who suffered injury to their person or were killed by the direct acts of a criminal should have an effective immunity from action if they could show carelessness by the police but not otherwise.

His Lordship said "effective" because a cause of action would lie against the defendant, but that was not a necessary condition. As to the question of "special relationship", there was none in the present case. The fact that the police had a general duty to the public at large should not mean that the crime did not mean that the

police had a special relationship with all possible victims of the perpetrator of a crime which they were investigating.

His Lordship then considered the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme. He said that, historically, English law had left the consequences of the tortious acts of criminals to be met by members of the public who suffered them.

What their Lordships were concerned with in the present case was whether it was just and reasonable that, as a matter of policy, a cause of action should lie against the police in the alleged circumstances of the case.

If the State made no provision at all for criminal injuries that might be a reason for imposing a duty of care upon the police in the conduct of their investigations.

In fact, however, the State had provided a scheme of compensation for criminal injuries since 1964 or thereabouts when the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board was established. Claims for *ex gratia* payments of compensation could be made to the board by a victim of a crime of violence.

The scheme made quite wide provision for compensation for such persons as were likely to suffer financial loss as a result of a crime of violence. It was not desirable that inequalities should be produced by providing additional remedies.

Either such remedies would merely duplicate the scheme or they would give rise to inequalities which might be offensive to the families of other victims of crimes of violence in cases where no negligence by the police was involved.

His Lordship appreciated that Mrs Hill was not seeking financial benefit for herself and that nothing could compensate her for the tragic loss of her daughter.

But the problems of compensation for injury from crimes of violence were best dealt with in the framework of the scheme as it had been developed for more than 20 years.

In his Lordship's view, the judge was right to strike out the proceedings.

Lord Justice Gledhill delivered a concurring judgment and **Sir Rousleyn Cumming-Bruce** agreed.

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That argument might well have been put for section 72 of the 1981 Act. Both actions were clearly within section 72(2) and therefore the privilege against self-incrimination was withdrawn in respect of them by section 72(1).

Although committal proceedings were not covered by section 72(2), it was a clear intention of section 72(4) that documents discovered pursuant to an order in such an action should be admissible in contempt proceedings.

That however did not affect the court's discretion whether to modify the implied undertaking. Each case depended on its own facts, but for the reasons advanced by the plaintiff its application should in this case succeed.

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Having said that, his Lordship had to add that the consent order had been given in the instant case was not one that had been drawn up by any of the counsel appearing before their Lordships or for which they could be held in any way responsible.

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If all had gone according to plan, I would by now be one of the foremost British experts on wine. Nowadays almost everyone is expected to be on talking terms with at least a dozen varieties of grape, and nobody is surprised when someone like Auberon Waugh suddenly turns into a wine consultant, but even in such company I think I would have stood out, because my training would have been vastly superior to theirs. The only drawback was that my training never took. I was brought up to be a top wine man and it was such an unsuccessful process that I have remained one of the most cheerfully ignorant wine-tasters of my generation.

It was my father's plan. He was a director of Border Breweries in Wrexham, north Wales, which had a flourishing wine and spirits division, and he saw me eventually moving into it and learning the trade. When I opted at about 14 to specialize in languages at school, he was absolutely delighted. It wasn't the fact that I would be able to taste Voltaire and Heine at first hand that delighted him, but the thought that I could sally forth from Wrexham and talk to wine-growers in their own language.

If all goes well, you'll be an all-purpose European buyer and seller. Miles. Whenever I go to France or Germany to do business, I'm always aware of not being able to speak the language properly, but with French, German and some Spanish, you'll be ideal. Pity about not having Italian, but you can learn that later.

The idea seemed preposterous to me. By that time I had discovered Voltaire and Heine and all I ever wanted to do was write like them, but my father was dead serious about it. For part of my summer holidays he used to send me abroad to keep learning the languages, and I almost always stayed with families connected with the drink trade. At the age of 17 I stayed in Koblenz with a nice German family and learnt about grapes before being sent on to a family in Wuppertal my father had visited before me; in 1945, as a matter of fact, as a member of the newly arrived Royal Welsh Fusiliers who had, if my father's version of the war was at all correct, won it more or less single-handed with occasional help from Churchill.

"Those of us who had any specialist knowledge were kept behind to help get Germany on her feet again," said Dad. "Well, I was a brewer, and Wuppertal was a big brewing place, so I spent six months there working at the Wuppertal Brauerei. I've written to the present head of the place, a Mr Bürgener, and he has agreed to let you stay for a while."

Mr Bürgener was a large, gruff man, a bit like President Hindenburg, and he lived in a huge, gruff house all alone except for his wife and a grown-up son called Wilfried. All Mr Bürgener wanted to do was make beer and all Wilfried wanted to do was drive round Wuppertal in a fast sports car, meeting the other rich young kids of the town, while Frau Bürgener cooked meals for both of them. Wilfried must have sighed deeply at the thought of having to chaperone a shy, 17-year-old English boy round the place, but he never let on — indeed, he was deeply impressed by the fact that I knew the German for gear lever, *Schalthebel*.

"*Dass Sie Schalthebel wissen sollten*," he would mutter, "*das ist unerhört*," and he would slam the *Schalthebel* into gear and we would whizz off to some other drinking club where he would have a good time with his mates and I would sit in a corner.

One day, though, Mr Bürgener took me off to the Wuppertal Brauerei, which was an enormous place compared with Border Breweries in Wrexham. He was terribly proud of it, as he might well be since he had built it up in a dozen years since the war. The vats glittered and the cellars stretched gleaming for miles, not like the friendly but rather ramshackle Victorian building of Border Breweries, which might have benefited from being devastated by the German army and rebuilt. "Is your father's brewery so big?" demanded Herr Bürgener.

"Not half so big," I admitted. "Does he have so many cellars?"

"Not so many."

Mr Bürgener's satisfaction at having the bigger brewery soon started to turn to complacency, whereas I began to feel indignant on behalf of my father. Had my father not come over specially at the end of the war to get this

Confessions of a non-wine buff

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Miles Kingston's lost career

brewery started? Was it right now for Mr Bürgener to have a bigger and better brewery? I did not think so. So when he started quoting production figures at me, I started doubling them and passing them off as Border's. Did Wicküler produce 10,000 barrels a week? Then Border did 20,000, and so on. Mr Bürgener's brow grew quite furrowed with the attempt to understand how a Welsh brewery half the size of his could effortlessly produce twice as much beer.

About this time my father began to transfer his ambitions to my younger brother, Stewart, who seemed to show more willingness to learn. He packed both of us off on a holiday, in 1961, to learn something about wine by going grape-picking. Dad had got to know the Sichel family a bit, and secured two jobs for us at Château Palmer in the Bordeaux area, so Stewart and I set off on his 250cc Vespa across France, to arrive there in time for the vendange.

We stayed at small fishing ports in Brittany, drifted through trendy La Baule and overnighted at the YMCA at Saintes, where I played table tennis with a bearded and scandalous young Parisian whom Stewart and I nicknamed Jesus. He turned out to be a carpenter, which seemed apt, and as we were playing kept crying, "*Mouvement! Mouvement!*" I obliged by playing harder and harder, but each time he cried out the same appeal again, until Stewart pointed out that what he was actually saying was "*Doucement! Doucement!*"

About Château Palmer itself I remember very little. A cute little chateau with two peacocks in the gravelly garden and an enormous kitchen where we got bread and coffee in the morning. Myself picking grapes, hopelessly lagging behind the 16-year-old girls who'd been doing it for years, and Stewart with a big wooden basket on his back taking the grapes away. Eating outdoors in the evening with the 16-year-old girls and their families, and trying to flirt with them, except they were better at that too, having done it for years. But the fact that we were working in one of the great, great vineyards of the world, and that Château Palmer 1961 is something you would now pay a fortune for — all that I had not the faintest idea. What I remember about Château Palmer 1961 is getting there and coming back.

same year, a letter to *The Cricketer* magazine claimed to reveal all. The former butler to Ivo Bligh's family was said to have been told by a housemaid: "You know that old urn/vase thing that stands on the mantelpiece in his lordship's room, well, I knocked it over and found it was full of old ash stuff. So I gave it a good clean out and polish before putting it back." The appalled butler, pausing only to berate the luckless girl, grabbed a handful of ashes from the fireplace, re-filled the urn, and never said a word to anyone for years.

Vodka chaser

The Nordic skiing world championships, which continue this weekend at Oberstdorf in West Germany, have been seen as the ideal medium for advertising the Germans' own brand of vodka, called Gorbatschow. But the Russians are furious. "Gorbatschow" is the German transliteration of Gorbachov, as in Mikhail, who also happens to be fronting the Soviets' anti-alcohol campaign at the moment. Despite protests, the vodka ads will continue to be beamed into millions of Russian homes. The International Ski Federation can't, or won't, go along with the Soviets' request to take down the placards on the

Now, how is that I could have had such a perfect background and grooming for a career as a man-about-drinks and made such a mess of it? How did my brother, who even went on to study brewing for a year at Heriot-Watt in Edinburgh, leave the trade to become a cameraman and a farmer, and to spend most of the 1980s not touching alcohol at all?

I really don't know the answer, nor do I feel at all upset by my ignorance. I have a sneaking sympathy with the character in Iris Murdoch's *The Sea, The Sea* who, somewhere in the first 20 pages (I couldn't get any further) says that he refuses to become educated in wine appreciation — the only result is that your standards grow higher and you pay more money to get the same pleasure. I have an envy of my friend Barlow, who is the nearest thing I know to a wine buff, the kind of man who likes to have an anonymous glass thrust in his hand and to be challenged to name it, which he normally does after those facial contortions seen otherwise only on rabbits of a nervous disposition. Recently I bought a bottle of wine for the sole purpose of challenging Barlow to name the country of origin. (Difficult it was Wales.)

"Well," he said, pursing his lips, pushing the wine through strange internal tubes and trying to see the label, behind my back, "it's a wine from a cold country. You can tell that, because it doesn't have enough natural sweetness, so they've added up to the maximum permitted amount of Süsseserv. That's the additive approved of by the EEC," he explained kindly.

"How can you tell they've added it?"

"You can taste it. So it's an EEC country, coldish, northernish, probably hilly. The grape is probably Müller-Thurgau."

I looked at the label. It was Müller-Thurgau.

"But I don't think it's a Germanic country. I think it's England."

How near can you get? It broke my heart to shake my head firmly, deep inside knowing he had scored a moral victory. Naming the country of origin is child's play to someone like my friend Barlow, who would much rather be asked to name the grape variety — indeed, he is now beyond that in naming the kind of container in which the wine has been matured. I have had all these

things explained to me so often that I should by now be able to out-Barlow anyone, but I can't. Is it possible to be wine-deaf, as other people are tone-deaf? I may be. I once drank a glass of Château Palmer from some wonderful mid-1960s vintage, and have to say I found it muddy and inky.

I can, though, tell a glass of good beer from a glass of bad beer. I tried a pint of something made by Whitbread called Welsh Bitter the other day, when I was feeling very thirsty in Chepstow, and it was so subtly tasteless and boring that my thirst magically vanished after the first gulp. On the other hand, when I first went to Southwold 20 years ago and had Adams I knew without being told that I had just encountered one of the great beers. I was drinking a pint of lemonade shandy at the Crown Hotel, I remember, and there was a peculiar taste in it. Not unpleasant, but peculiar. Eventually I identified it: hops. I had never met a beer with enough character to get its hoppy taste through a pint of shandy before, and I hardly have since, which is one of the many reasons why I have been back to Southwold on holiday every year for the past 20.

The Crown had changed dramatically last year, from a drowsy, elderly hotel into a wine bar and restaurant that London would be proud of, and I was lucky enough to gain an audience with Simon Loftus, the man who has done so much to make Adams as famous for wine as it is for beer. He has a small room overlooking Southwold's rooftops, converted into a wine-tasting den, not unlike a cheerful laboratory, where he invited us for a canter through some of the wines he is fond of.

It took me straight back to Border Breweries, where my father would vanish to the sample cellar at the slightest hint that lunchtime was approaching, except that the sample cellar was deep in the earth, a simple, white-painted, vaulted room where the latest barrels were racked and waiting for the boss to draw off a sample pint. My father's colleagues wouldn't even have recognized Simon Loftus as being a member of the same trade.

Loftus apologized for his lack of a way with words. He needs to have done. Just as a red wine gradually becomes more friendly and expansive after being uncorked, he started to be carried away by the romance of wine-making and by

the stories that lay behind each bottle, until after about 20 minutes he was telling tales like an old wizard.

But I made enough notes to remind myself that each wine contained a human, personal story. The Colombar, Vin de Pays, Côtes de Gascogne, for instance — this was made by a co-operative in Gascogne who were lured by enormous quantities of wine from the Colombar grape, and instead of sitting down and crying, travelled the globe looking for a technical solution until they found it in, of all places, California. Simon Loftus had introduced their wine into England and designed a new label for it which had been so successful that the co-operative were now using his label in France.

Or something like that. What was patently obvious to me was that along with all the characters he mentioned — the Professor of Viticulture at Bordeaux and his pink wine; the peasant bloke; the men from the Côtes du Rhône who came to Southwold in February and did a combined wine and apricot deal; the Burgundy grower and his American wife Pamela — Loftus himself was as much of a character. The extraordinary thing was that he could date precisely the start of his interest in wine.

"My father, who also was involved in Adams Brewery, had a good wine cellar which was unfortunately flooded during the great east coast floods of 1953. The wine wasn't affected, but all the labels were washed off, which meant that you couldn't identify any of them. So he decided to drink his way through them over the next year, putting a name to them as he went. I remember being given a Moscatel-Rothschild of some great vintage and being told what a great wine it was, and I can remember distinctly, although only a small boy, knowing instinctively that it was a great wine and yet at the same time that there was something badly wrong with it. It was only much later that I realized what it was — we were drinking it long before it had matured — but I am sure of this feeling that I knew, at the time, something was wrong."

I also learnt from Simon Loftus that on sunny days up in his little wine cellar what it is that wine merchants chiefly fear and resent: the arrival of friends bearing bottles of wine they have picked up on holiday, insisting that this great discovery should be tasted.

They are, said Loftus firmly, almost without exception dreadful. It was at this embarrassing point that I produced a bottle of red wine I had picked up on holiday, a Comte de Toulonnais, from the south-west, on sale at a wayside wine shrine near La Roche-Bernard in Brittany, and it says a lot for Loftus's tolerance that he agreed to taste it. He sipped and gesticulated spat and reflected. After a tense silence, he came out with the nearest thing to a compliment I could have hoped for: "Hmm, it has none of the expected defects." He even sent for Hugh Johnson's *Wine Atlas of the World* to look up this unknown Comte de Toulonnais and found it listed in a footnote so terse that he commented: "It's pretty clear to me that even Hugh Johnson himself hasn't tasted this one, though he doesn't admit it."

I don't suppose it ever occurred to Simon Loftus that day last July that he was helping me to exorcise a small shadow of guilt. Here, at last, was the son of a brewer who had done it. This Christmas he had done it. He had become drawn into the wine world and made his small brewery famous for its wines but far from making me feel that I should have done the same, he gives me the comforting illusion that he has done it instead of me. I can now go on being wine-deaf without a pang of conscience.

And if I had decided to go into the brewery after my father, I would now be without a job. Two years ago Border Breweries were taken over by Marston's, and the old friendly brewery, with the railway line running on a bridge across it and the red Kusun brick chimney towering above it, was closed down. This Christmas it was set on fire, probably by homeless squatters, and is now a gutted derelict site, no longer steaming, smelling of yeast day and night, and resounding to the crash of rolling barrels. It looks just as the Wicküler Brauerei in Wuppertal must have looked in 1945, in fact, but this time I'm glad my father wasn't around to see it.

Peter Brimelow

For Alabama read Pretoria

New York

Like a wave rolling westward, a big new book by the prolific Anthony Sampson is reportedly heading towards this side of the Atlantic. *Black and Gold: Tycoons, Revolutionaries and Apartheid* draws on the author's early experience as a journalist in South Africa and his usual solid clipings files to summarize the process by which leading multinational corporations have begun to "disinvest" from South Africa.

I bought the book at Heathrow on my way from Johannesburg to New York. Some such wearying stopover is now unavoidable since direct flights to America were banned by the sort of sanctions legislation Sampson supports — as much by his tone as by his explicit argument, a characteristic feature of his journalistic technique.

When I finished reading *Black and Gold* some 30,000ft above Newfoundland, I was left once again with the feeling that, notwithstanding his narrative skill, Sampson doesn't really understand the dynamics of business. He regards each corporation as an amorphous blob of political ecotoplasm, a "sovereignty state" to quote the title of his book on ITT, whereas in fact it is an intricate organism swaying more or less helplessly in economic currents.

The anti-South African agitators seem similarly to assume that "disinvestment" means forcing multinationals to pack up their South African factories and go home. In reality, most have been compelled to sell their assets, at giveaway prices, to jubilant local capitalists who never liked foreign competition anyway. Sampson's book, however, inspired a more general question: why has America, historically little involved in South Africa, felt obliged to enact far more stringent sanctions than Britain, where anti-apartheid agitation has been in full cry for more than 20 years? British Airways still flies direct from London, a route he says provides almost a fifth of its profits.

Part of the answer unquestionably lies in the Americans' convulsive problem-solving response to any difficulty that succeeds in penetrating their consciousness. Although few Europeans will probably believe it, Congress is now quite certainly sitting back waiting expectantly for President Botha to institute black majority rule as a result of its sanctions legislation. It may have rather a long wait. But this is the spirit that put a man on the moon — and the Ayatollah in Tehran.

Again, sanctions against South Africa were enacted at a peculiar moment in American political history. The Democrats were des-

perate for a victory against the Reagan Administration after six years of humiliating defeat. The sanctions issue proved unexpectedly exploitable because it united the warring Democratic factions while intimidating all but the toughest Republicans. Ironically, the Democrats' success in regaining control of the Senate in November may mean a temporary reprieve for South Africa.

Its tormentors will be fully occupied undermining administration policy in more vital areas like Central America or the Strategic Defence Initiative.

At base, America's interest in South Africa reflects its own ethnic tensions, above all the perennial problem of accommodating its blacks. Life was easier in the 1960s, when black politicians in the civil rights movement were demanding the abolition and anathematization of legal segregation. After all, that was after they moved on to demanding the imposition of black racial quotas ("affirmative action") right across American life, from election results to housing patterns. They have become, in fact, the shock troops of American socialism, relentlessly advancing government intervention in an age of deregulation, albeit on grounds of equity rather than economic efficiency.

The current generation of white politicians have evolved a device for handling their black colleagues that bears a distinct resemblance to what the South Africans used to call a "bantustan". Certain issues are tacitly ceded; claims are never publicly disputed, and in time the blacks get whatever they want. Only when they go beyond the bantustan's boundaries and threaten the interests of enough whites are they resisted, passively, but powerfully.

Consequently, throughout this decade, the civil rights lobby has been unable to pass any of its bills extending quotas in housing or education. Nor has it been able to achieve the same results by administrative fiat as in the past under Democratic presidents. Its frustration was mounting. South Africa represented a symbolic consolation prize.

For South Africans, the moral is depressing. No reform short of their complete self-immolation can satisfy American politicians, because their concern is not really with South Africa at all. And universal suffrage is no solution to the profound antipathies to be found beneath the surface of a multiracial society.

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Christie Davies

Witches at the church door

It is just over 250 years since we ceased using the law to prosecute people for practising witchcraft, and the law had been little used for years before that. At the time John Wesley was horrified at this official denial of the reality of witchcraft and feared the authority of the Bible itself had been undermined. Perhaps he was right.

The Methodists seem to have long since abandoned their Anglican founder's belief in witches, but many in the Church of England still cling to this primitive belief. (The word primitive may seem unfairly derogatory, but it also signifies continuity with a sacred past, and as such it is an honourable adjective in the title of many sects and denominations.) I refer of course to those in the Anglican church who are fighting a last-ditch battle against the ordination of women.

Some of them are of course simply good honest reactionaries. The John Wesley type, who will in the end accept defeat grumpily and will see it only as one more unfortunate compromise with the modern secular world.

For the more catholic clerical opponents of change, however, the ordination of women means that "witches" have won and that disorder and pollution have penetrated to the heart of the sacred. Their fears can be understood only by regarding them as we would some exotic tribe with baffling taboos and aversions.

The key to their position is that they and they alone believe in magic: in the power of a properly ordained priest to transform ordinary wafers and wine into a powerful juju or fetish. Those who believe in the validity of such powers may not like this terminology, but from the point of view of members of reformed religious bodies, whether Protestants or Sikhs, that is exactly how it must appear. Only ceremonial tact and a fear of being accused of upholding divisive principles prevents them from saying so.

The benign "wizard" who performs the magical transformation that is the heart of the Mass has always been male, and for much of the Church's history celibate. The magic is safely contained in a framework of order and ritual from which all dangerous individual passions and contact with the sordid material world have been excluded. Men who are sexually active are suspect and women as creatures who menstruate and give birth are unclean, unfit to handle the other sacred blood.

Women represent sexual

temptation, and the thought of a pregnant female celebrant, an ambiguous double person, is sheer horror. It is not so long since women who had given birth were excluded from church for a time and underwent ceremonies where they were cleansed of pollution.

Male homosexuals among the clergy seem to be peculiarly opposed to the ordination of women. I say seem because for obvious reasons they are forced to be secretive about their proclivities. In consequence no one can be sure who they are, and how many, though one might reasonably expect a proportion to exceed that of the general male population. What is peculiar is that any of them should be so opposed to the ordination of women, given that their own stigmatized status stems from the same sharp dichotomy of ritual-sacred-order versus polluted-sexual-disorder.

For most men our identity as men is unproblematic, it is endlessly reconfirmed by the fact that we find women attractive. For those who do not share this fundamental indeed defining masculine attribute, manhood can only be achieved in other ways, such as by entering a profession in which maleness is an essential part of its separate and sacred status. It is also a role that renders a lack of sexual interest in women excusable and even praiseworthy. From the point of view of some homophobia, at least, the ordination of women would destroy their refuge.

It is only a question of time before women are ordained, and in the rather more distant future a majority of the clergy will be female. The liberated harpies of the left should not rejoice, however, for it will merely mean that the task of the clergyman, like that of the schoolteacher, the nurse, the social worker, and increasingly the solicitor and the GP, has come to be seen for what it really is — a suitable job for a woman.

Women will have got their hands on the magical powers of the priest only to find that the magic has departed, and that their victory is just one more stage in the disenchantment of the world. They will have no more cause to rejoice than the minor bureaucrats whose flat banal language has been fed into liturgy and prayer books, and who in places the scriptures. They will have no more magic at their command than a Unitarian minister.

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SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

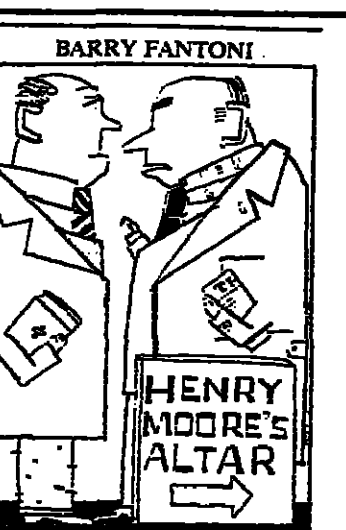
What the butler did

What exactly are those Ashes that England have retained? Traditionally, the famous urn contains the ashes of a burnt bail waggishly presented to the England captain, Ivo Bligh, in 1883 on avenging defeat by the Australians at the Oval the previous year. Recently, however, it was claimed that the Ashes were really those of an Aborigine called King Cole, who died while touring England in 1868. Then again, in 1982 a writer claimed that they were in fact those of a ball rather than a bail, giving rise to suggestions that MCC give the stuff a forensic examination. Not surprisingly, MCC wouldn't play. Later the

same year, a letter to *The Cricketer* magazine claimed to reveal all. The former butler to Ivo Bligh's family was said to have been told by a housemaid: "You know that old urn/vase thing that stands on the mantelpiece in his lordship's room, well, I knocked it over and found it was full of old ash stuff. So I gave it a good clean out and polish before putting it back." The appalled butler, pausing only to berate the luckless girl, grabbed a handful of ashes from the fireplace, re-filled the urn, and never said a word to anyone for years.

Vodka chaser

The Nordic skiing world championships, which continue this weekend at Oberstdorf in West Germany, have been seen as the ideal medium for advertising the Germans' own brand of vodka, called Gorbatschow. But the Russians are furious. "Gorbatschow" is the German transliteration of Gorbachov, as in Mikhail, who also happens to be fronting the Soviets' anti-alcohol campaign at the moment. Despite protests, the vodka ads will continue to be beamed into millions of Russian homes. The International Ski Federation can't, or won't, go along with the Soviets' request to take down the placards on the



"I don't know about religion, but it's certainly an insult to a great French chaser."

slopes or instruct cameramen to avoid them. Gorbatschow vodka is, after all, a principal sponsor of the championships. "It's a delicate situation," said a spokesman.

Time trial

Perhaps unfairly, some people call the Minister for Sport Richard "Sunk Without" Tracey. Indeed, some think Denis Howell is still

the minister. Which raises the question: how much time is Tracey actually able to spend on ministering sport? According to a recent report by the Environment Committee entitled *Sports Council*, Tracey was asked that very question, and replied: "I suppose in terms of allocation of time I spend 20 per cent on sport and recreation." He spends the other 80 per cent on his responsibilities as Under-Secretary at the Environment Department dealing with non-sporting matters such as oil exploration, gypsies, the European Regional Development Fund and ancient monuments.

Rugby is famous for honesty, so it's odd that the Rosslyn Park players were told recently that their opponents were Vancouver University when, in truth, they were the infamous Hedgehogs, the South African touring side.

Hopping

Today sees a gathering of one of the more bizarre clans in football — the non-League groundhopping fanatics, who find the challenge of visiting all 92 League clubs too easy to be inspiring and devote themselves to groundhopping around the non-League world. A convention of these eccentrics has been called at the Southern League

match between Wincey Town and Redditch United. A Croydon newspaper, *Steve Pettit*, is starting an organization for them, to be called, naturally, the Groundhoppers Club. They will wear badges and club woolsies so that they can identify fellow believers at such places as Peacehaven & Telscombe Cliff or Anstey Nomads. Pettit, who gets to "only" 120 matches a season, has visited more than 200 grounds but a friend has totted up 850. "I think most League clubs could learn a lot from non-League football," Pettit said with some truth.

Fun run

Hyped-up races can be lamentable, like the Budd-Decker affair, or can stir the blood, as in the proposed 1,500 metres "grudge" match between Daley Thompson and Pat Butcher. *The Times* athletics correspondent. The race is to settle an argument about an interview that Daley doesn't want to give. The event is not, as you might think, a lay-down for Thompson: Butcher may be aged 43 but he was a county middle-distance runner, and middle distance is not Thompson's strength. Butcher is confident: Thompson, alive to the threat, has left the country to train in California.

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NO ANSWER

In these days of high-volume, high-abuse politics, Prime Minister's Questions is not the ideal time for complex answers to important national questions. Nonetheless Mrs Thatcher's response on Thursday afternoon to a question from one of her own backbenchers concerning the "disappointing" level of civilian research and development left a great deal to be desired.

As *The Times* has been arguing this week and as the House of Lords discussed on Thursday evening, Britain is failing to face the technological and industrial demands of a new era in wealth creation. Britain is falling behind its international competitors in the race to the future.

The Government has a responsibility for this state of affairs which goes beyond its direct control of public sector spending. The Prime Minister has a special responsibility as a former scientist herself and as a politician who has uniquely addressed the problems of Britain's industrial past.

Yet she implied on Thursday that the United Kingdom's Research and Development effort was comparatively greater than that of the USA and Japan. It is not. She made a different comparison on a different basis to imply it exceeded that of West Germany. It does not. The UK effort falls significantly behind all three.

It is a complicated statistics area in which the unwary, whom there are many, and the uncaring, of whom there are more, may easily be misled. Mrs Thatcher confined her comparisons to publicly-funded research as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product, although she used the phrase "United Kingdom-funded" which wrongly implies the total amount of Research and Development funded in the United Kingdom, including that funded by private industry.

It is the total amount that matters. It is the total amount that measures a nation's stake

in its future — however wisely or unwisely that stake be played. It is the total amount (known as GERD, Gross Expenditure on Research and Development) that is used by the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris as a basis for international comparisons.

The question to Mrs Thatcher from Mr Nigel Forman, the Conservative MP for Carshalton, was as follows. He asked her "to consider the disappointing level of civilian research and development in this country."

The Prime Minister replied that "Government expenditure on research and development is at a record level." United Kingdom-funded civilian research and development, as a proportion of national output, exceeds that of Japan and the United States. Our proportion of all research and development exceeds that in Germany.

Asked by *The Times* yesterday what were the figures on which these assertions had been based, the Cabinet Office said they were the OECD figures for 1983, which showed that publicly-funded civil research and development as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product for the year was 0.42 per cent for the USA, 0.60 per cent for Japan, and 0.67 per cent for the UK.

These figures take no account of civil research and development funded by the private sector, which in both Japan and the USA exceeds the Government's own efforts overwhelmingly. The private sector figure (both civil and military) is added to the public sector figure to give the GERD figure, which represents a country's total research effort.

If Mrs Thatcher had felt able to use the GERD figure she would have had to tell MPs the opposite of what she did tell them on Thursday. For the GERD figures for the USA, Japan, and the UK for 1983 show the USA at 2.65 per cent, Japan at 2.56 per cent, and the UK at 2.27 per cent.

The UK figure is the only one declining. In absolute terms, of course, it is also a proportion of a vastly smaller national product than that of either Japan or the USA.

Mrs Thatcher also found it convenient to ignore the GERD figure when comparing the UK to West Germany. When she referred to "our proportion of all research and development" she was, without mentioning it explicitly, changing the basis of the comparison to include military as well as civil research.

For obvious reasons, Britain, in its Government-funded research, spends much more on defence projects than Germany, 51 per cent of its total, as against about 10 per cent. Thus the total public sector effort, civil and military, for the UK in 1983 was 1.33 per cent of GDP; for West Germany, 1.14 per cent.

Once again though, if we turn to the GERD figure, the positions are reversed. The UK's 2.27 per cent is exceeded by West Germany's 2.53 per cent. The UK figure is, once again, a proportion of a much smaller national product in real terms.

The British Government and British industry together spent 1.6 per cent of the British Gross Domestic Product on civil research and development in 1983. The West German Government and German private industry spent 2.5 per cent — nearly half as much again.

These comparisons are all based on the year 1983. If we were to compare later years the relative positions would almost certainly be worse, but the British Government has not yet published data for a GERD figure later than 1983.

The improved collecting and more prompt publication of such data is an immediate priority. The improved national attitude to scientific research will, as we said in these columns on Thursday, take longer. But it needs Prime Ministerial leadership, not fudge and obfuscation.

Cost of overcrowding prisons

From Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC

Sir, As a former Home Secretary, Leon Brittan is well placed to appreciate the difficulty of changing the prison system. All the more admirable is his admission (feature, February 17) that far-reaching reforms are needed in the way prisons are run.

It is a pity that his open-mindedness stops there. For he accepts, without question or analysis, the inevitability of Britain's having an even higher prison population.

In fact this is neither inevitable nor desirable. Our high prison population brings this country no benefits at all. It makes the prisons well-nigh impossible to run. It is enormously costly. Its effect on crime levels is, at best, neutral.

Far from being a response to violent crime, the proportion of those sent to prison who are convicted of offences involving violence is one in five, a proportion which has remained unchanged for a decade. Success in preventing or reducing crime will not come from a high prison population but from wider social measures.

Nor is a high prison population inevitable. We surpass all our major West European neighbours in our propensity to imprison our offending fellow citizens. Between February, 1983, and September, 1984, the prison population rose by 7,000. In that period the prison population in England and Wales went up by over 3,000.

All parliamentary enquiries into imprisonment have concluded that it would be in the public interest for it to be used sparingly. Sensible recommendations for reducing its use have been made frequently by parliamentarians and others.

For Mr Brittan to suggest that no significant impact can be made on our high use of prison is "frankly absurd".

Yours faithfully, JEREMY HUTCHINSON, House of Lords.

From the Director of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir, The review (February 7) of Vivien Stern's book, *Bricks of Shame*, by the Prisons Minister, Lord Cuthbert, was by no means ungenerous. What was also notable was his defence of the Government's prison strategy rests upon two very dubious hypotheses. Firstly, that any attempt by the executive to reduce the prison population necessarily imperils the independence of the judiciary. Secondly, that the prison building programme will result in an end to overcrowding and enable the renovation of the Victorian penal estate.

The first of these propositions seems to have gained currency where it should be built. Professional consultants have been engaged to examine both the proposed route and its alternative. This is something which should have been done before now and which was recommended by the Inspector in one of the public inquiries which Councillor Mans is fond of quoting.

The case which will be put to the select committee of the Lords will, at least, in all probability, result in lengthy delays. It might perhaps lead to the eventual rejection of the private Bill. If Councillor Mans wishes to see a bypass constructed, and if Hampshire County Council does not wish to see itself landed with escalating parliamentary costs, they would do well to pause to consider seriously the alternative route. Such an alternative is available, and it does not, contrary to Councillor Mans's assertion, "cut the village in half".

Perhaps Councillor Mans were to join those opposing the Bill he would have a bypass sooner rather than later. Yours faithfully, DAVID BESKINE (Countryside Officer), The Ramblers Association, 1/5 Wandsworth Road, SW8.

It is tied up entirely in the outward-looking European psyche and dollars will never be able to buy it. My family and I have returned to Britain older, wiser and perhaps even more disillusioned about the human condition which is no different on whichever side of the Atlantic.

I wish Bernard Williams well in his search for a "new life" and cure for his despair. But I sincerely believe he will return eventually to discover that there are an awful lot of things right about life in Britain, struggling as we are.

Yours faithfully, MARGARET ROWE, 345 Padgate Lane, Padgate, Warrington, Cheshire.

A place in history

From Mr George Chowdhary-Best

Sir, Mr John Evenett (February 17) was wrong in supposing that Mr Gladstone was the only prime minister to have any scientific knowledge at all. The third Marquess of Salisbury, as his daughter recorded, had a lifelong interest in science. One of his first acts on succeeding to the title was to set up a laboratory at Hatfield with the assistance of Professor Herbert McLeod, where he worked on polarisation, magnetism, and spectroscopy.

His address to the British Association for the Advancement of Science meeting at Oxford in 1894 still makes interesting reading today. Yours faithfully, G. CHOWDHARY-BEST, 27 Walpole Street, SW3.

From Mr Ray Honeyford

Sir, Bernard Levin (February 16) says "popular capitalism" is a good phrase. He is right. But there is an even better, and more precise, one to describe the enormous increase in ownership of shares resulting from privatisation — "working class capitalism". Yours sincerely, RAY HONEYFORD, 14 Milton Road, Prestwich, Manchester.

Political link in police inquiry

From Mr Julian Holland

Sir, The recent row over the police search of the offices of the *New Statesman* and the headquarters of the BBC in Glasgow has raised the issue of what and who prompts the police to act where simple matters like damage to persons or property are not the criminal issues involved.

May I offer an illustration which may help your readers determine the truth of some of the statements made in the emergency debate in Parliament earlier this month and in some subsequent speeches made on the subject.

A year ago, when I was Editor of BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, I received a visit from the Merseyside police investigating an alleged criminal offence under the Representation of the People Act. This was in connection with our coverage of a Merseyside local election.

Who prompted their investigation? It was made on the instruction of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Who prompted the DPP? The DPP had received a copy of a letter written to the Chairman of the BBC by Harvey Thomas, a public relations man at Conservative Central Office, on the instruction of the Chairman of the Conservative Party, Mr Norman Tebbit, a senior member of her Majesty's Government, alleging an infringement of the Representation of the People Act, as well as of the BBC Charter, in an edition of *Today*.

The allegation was poppycock. It revealed a remarkable ignorance of the Representation of the People Act and judgement that had already been made on the meaning of the part of the Act called into question, as well as a disquieting interpretation of the BBC Charter.

However, the police had been called in and an unnecessary public waste of time and money took place — unnecessary because the DPP himself might well have applied his own professional knowledge and experience and dismissed the letter without further ado — while a police officer from Merseyside visited me in London, interviewed me at length about my "intentions" regarding the broadcast and took a lengthy statement from me.

Nothing more has been heard of this affair, but it gives the lie to the notion bandied about in the House of Commons that the police are not to be prompted in their investigations. Indeed, it demonstrates that you don't have to be the Attorney-General or the Lord Advocate to be such a prompt.

Yours faithfully, JULIAN HOLLAND, 43a Colthurst Road, N8, February 19.

Saving an old church

From Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas

Sir, As a pendant to the thrilling article by Dr David Leigh and Mr Tony Parkinson on Llandello Talybont church (February 17) perhaps you will allow me to say that there would have been no building to remove to St Fagan's but for the intervention of the Friends of Friendless Churches in 1974.

The church was then threatened with ruin — and would in any case soon have collapsed without help — but eventually we let us carry out repairs sufficient to keep the building in existence.

There are two comparable cases where the intervention of the Friends has led to the saving of buildings where wall paintings of major importance have subsequently been found — East Shefford, in Berkshire, and Duxford St John, in Cambridgeshire.

These three cases point to the need not to take precipitate action to demolish medieval churches no longer required for worship.

Yours faithfully, IVOR BULMER-THOMAS, Honorary Director, Friends of Friendless Churches, 12 Edwards Square, W8, February 18.

A ripper old age

From Mr L. A. Bowell

Sir, I share Lord Whitelaw's concern about the obsession with age (Greenwich by-election report, February 17) perhaps because I am also 69 — well nearly!

Unfortunately the obsession is largely due to the politicians, who shamelessly use the elderly as election fodder and, to a small extent, some of the elderly themselves, who rather enjoy being used in this way.

Obviously there are so many of us now that we tend to claim a larger and larger share of the cake, but may I make a plea for a realistic reappraisal long overdue, that the term "elderly" be applied to the over-80s and not to the over-60s. I am sure most of us would not object to waiting.

Yours faithfully, L. A. BOWELL, 55 Canford Road, SW11, February 17.

The new capitalism

From Mr Ray Honeyford

Sir, Bernard Levin (February 16) says "popular capitalism" is a good phrase. He is right. But there is an even better, and more precise, one to describe the enormous increase in ownership of shares resulting from privatisation — "working class capitalism". Yours sincerely, RAY HONEYFORD, 14 Milton Road, Prestwich, Manchester.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 21 1913

Nothing could equal the militant suffragette demonstration at the Derby in 1913, when Emily Davison lost her life (On This Day, June 5, 1985), but smaller incidents were widespread.

ARSON BY SUFFRAGISTS.

PAVILION DESTROYED AT KEW GARDENS.

ARREST OF TWO WOMEN.

The tea pavilion in Kew Gardens was burned to the ground early yesterday morning, and supporters of woman suffrage are suspected of having set fire to it. Two young women were arrested and were charged with the act later in the day at Richmond. It may be recalled that a similar pavilion in Regent's Park was quite recently burned down.

The night guard at Kew Gardens have been keeping a vigilant watch since the raid on the orchid houses a short time ago, but the persons responsible for the second attack managed to elude them. It was not until it was seen, soon after 3 a.m., that the pavilion, which occupies an isolated position near the Pagoda on the Richmond side of the Gardens, was in flames that the alarm was given. The Richmond fire brigade and the special corps attached to the Gardens were called to the fire, but the wood of the "rustic" structure was burning so fiercely that it was impossible to save any part of it. It is estimated that the damage represents a loss of £1,000, and from the merely financial point of view the attack is a more serious affair than the raid on the orchid houses. Cotton wool soaked in paraffin were found among the ruins, and it is believed that the building was fired from the outside near the main doorway. Some cards, with writing on them, were also found. One bore the words "Two voiceless women" and "Peace on earth and goodwill to men, when women get the vote".

The women, who gave the names of Lilian Lenton and Joyce Locka, were later remanded at Richmond, and the refusal of the magistrates to allow bail led to a violent outburst by one of the defendants.

On being told that they would be remanded both prisoners applied for bail. Inspector Jackson pointed out that both the accused had refused to give their addresses, and that the offence was very serious.

Locka. There are people in Court who will give their addresses for us. We shall bring a hunger strike if we are refused bail.

The CHAIRMAN. — We are not going to be frightened by any intimidation. At this point the prisoner Locke seized some papers and a local directory, which were lying on the clerk's desk near her, and flung them at the chairman's head. The distance was little more than 6ft, but none of the magistrates was hit. A police officer hurried both women out of Court. Almost immediately they were brought back and told that the Bench had unanimously refused to grant bail. As the women were taken away from the Court in a cab a large crowd made a hostile demonstration. Four women friends of the accused, who had intended to offer themselves as sureties, were also fired.

FIRES ON GOLF LINKS.

The pavilion of the Old Manchester Golf Club at Kersall Edge was found to be on fire early yesterday morning. The fire was soon put out by the Salford brigade, and little damage was done. Cords found near the pavilion led the club officials to suspect strongly that the fire was the work of woman suffragists.

It was discovered yesterday that a corrosive liquid had been thrown about the Horsforth golf links, near Leeds, and that a temporary shelter had been damaged by fire. The course was littered with pamphlets bearing the words, "Votes for women."

A NEW FORM OF ANNOYANCE.

In Birmingham the militant suffragists have resorted to a new form of annoyance. Persons living in the Moseley suburb found it impossible on Wednesday night to insert latch-keys into the key-holes of the house doors, and it was found that the holes had been filled in with a number of small leaden pellets. Fixed on the doors were suffragist leaflets bearing the words: "All these tactics will cease directly you demand votes for women and get it."

In Edinburgh damage was done to about 2,000 letters and packets in 20 pillar-boxes by means of ink and paraffin oil, which had been contained in unworked bottles.

At the chief branch office in Leeds an inflammable liquid in a bottle was dropped into the box. The liquid burst into flame, but the fire was extinguished before any damage was done. A similar incident occurred at Northampton.

Trivial pursuits?

From Mr M. A. F. Small

Sir, If, in the forties, I was ever lucky enough to win a game of billiards, I was reminded that such skill was the sign of a mispent youth.

Should the billiard hall licence be scrapped, as suggested in Friday's *Times* (February 13) and billiards made respectable officially, it will be interesting to speculate on what contemporary skill could then claim to have that reputation.

Would your readers agree that it will be proficiency at playing computer games?

Yours faithfully, M. A. F. SMALL, 11 Brook Street, Warwick, February 14.

NEW MAN FOR THE TUNNEL

The boardroom disarray at the British end of Eurotunnel has had an air of amusing amateur farce. But it is a serious matter. That was inadvertently conveyed on Wednesday when the departing deputy chief executive, Mr Michael Julien, sought to allay fears over the Channel tunnel project by claiming that it still had a better than even chance of being built.

After a century of false starts, a pathbreaking international engineering project requiring £4 billion in finance is not built simply by a decision to go ahead. And not only the tunnel is at stake. The ability of the private sector to undertake great infrastructure projects is also on trial.

Mr Julien's was the third and perhaps the most damaging departure announced in a matter of days, following the British co-chairman Lord Pennock and the financier Sir Nigel Brookes. They occurred at the moment when the team should be preparing hard to raise nearly £800 million of

risk capital from the public and financial institutions in July, the project's stiffest test since it gained British and French government approval.

Even the French side had thought the British would take the lead in financing the project, yet London, with all its expertise, only just managed to find its share of the £200 million preliminary share raising last year, while the French conducted a much better prepared operation.

Yesterday, the Anglo-French consortium set about repairing this self-inflicted damage. In Mr Alastair Morton, it has recruited a tough and effective new British co-chairman.

The joint board has also balanced interests further by appointing four new non-executive directors, mostly senior bankers. As yet, however, only one of these, the Midland Bank chairman Sir Kit MacMahon, is British. There is much more to do before confidence in the London end of the project is restored.

FOURTH LEADER

"Fox" not running for BBC job?; this was a headline, the other day, in one of our comic papers.

Well, let's think about it. To start with, the fox is a notoriously cunning beast, and the BBC these days could certainly do with a powerful shot of the particular kind of ingenuity that a fox would bring to the job of Director-General. Moreover, if the creature should be found, after some time in the chair, to wear a hunted expression, it would be unlikely to provoke comment.

Furthermore, we believe that dogs are not allowed on BBC premises, so there would be no danger of an unfortunate mishap. ("Director-General eaten" would make an even more striking headline, but everybody would blame Mr Tebbit.) And, as far as we know, there is nothing in the BBC's Charter that precludes the appointment of animals to its staff, even in very senior positions. (We have long had our suspicions of one or two television comedians whose knuckles brush the ground.

and we could swear we caught a glimpse of a tail — and a forked one, at that — on *Panorama* the other night.)

It will be said that the animal would be at a disadvantage in dealing with the kind of people the Director-General must meet, from the Chairman of the Governors to the Home Secretary. But those who argue that a fox would be out of his social depth can hardly have studied Aesop lately.

It is true that the fox is occasionally worsted at dinner, the stork had the last laugh, we recall. But look at the insouciance with which he observed that the grapes were sour: count the geese and hens that one way or another he lured to their doom; remember what a master of flattery he is (did he not persuade the crow to sing); surely, this is exactly the kind of figure the BBC needs at the helm. And certainly he has never been known to express any political opinions.

A sound chap, then. Never-

theless ("Fox not running...") it seems that Reynard is not interested in the glittering prizes, or at least not this particular glittering prize. He may, of course, be biding his time ("Brer Fox he lay low"), lulling his rivals into the belief that they have nothing to fear from him, and then, when they have confidently crossed him off their lists, and Ladbrooke's have got him at 33-1, pouncing. After all, we have it on good authority that the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog. And isn't there a BBC disc-jockey called John Peel? There may be more to this business than we think.

Probably, though, he has thought it over very carefully, made his enquiries, and decided that he has a better chance of keeping his brush in the hunting field than on the sixth floor of the Television Centre. Or, most likely of all, he has seen the BBC's account-books, estimated the likely deficit for next year, and concluded that he would have no serious chance of keeping the wolf from the door.



Edelstyn earlier delivered the George Edelstyn memorial lecture.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Avana shares rise 22p on counter-bid hopes

The news that a queue of suitors has formed up outside the front door of the Avana Group, which has already secured the overtures of Ranks Hovis McDougall, sent shares of the Welsh baking company up 22p to 742p yesterday. On Thursday, Avana chairman Dr John Kesteven told the takeover panel that the company had received a number of unsolicited inquiries from potential bidders, and the stock market sees a profitable tug-of-war coming. Avana has yet to produce its formal defence to RHM's bid, but already its offer of 696p cash, or 777p in shares is looking short, and market men now expect the real bidding to start at £3 a share whenever the next offer comes from.

Go-ahead for Bentalls plan

The Norwich Union Insurance Group yesterday obtained planning permission for its £110 million development scheme for the Bentalls precinct at Kingston-upon-Thames. It includes revamping Bentalls flagship store, keeping the 1920s facade. Completion of the new Bentalls store is expected by the end of 1989, with the whole complex ready by 1992.

Cognac sales up in Britain

Cognac sales in Britain reached more than 17 million bottles, the highest figure since 1979, with the largest growth rate - 21.74 per cent in the past year - recorded for high-quality brands, the VSOs and VSOPs. M. Gerard Starm, director of the French Bureau National du Cognac, said in London yesterday. The total figure was up 9.25 per cent over the previous year.

Coffee quotas sought

A draft proposal for reintroducing export quotas for coffee has been formulated by representatives of the world's coffee importing nations, including Britain, after two days of talks which ended yesterday. The proposal will be put to an emergency session in London on Monday of the International Coffee Organisation's full council in an attempt to stabilize the price of green coffee.

Record fall in US spending

US personal spending fell \$56.7 billion (£37.16 billion), a record 2 per cent, in January to \$2,809.4 billion (£1,841 billion) after a revised increase of 2.2 per cent in December. Since the Department of Commerce started keeping records in 1959 the largest previous fall in spending was a drop of 1.9 per cent in May, 1960. The personal income of Americans in January was \$3,548 billion.

Kunick heads for the USM

Kunick Leisure Group is applying to enter the unlisted securities market by way of an introduction, Mr David Hadd, the chairman, told the annual meeting yesterday. He reported the sale to Midsummer Leisure of the company's disco and ice rink in Scarborough for £750,000. The net assets of the businesses sold were £600,000 and their pretax profits for the year to September 30, were £20,000.

Kenya's \$50m deficit

Kenya is likely to have a balance of payments shortfall of more than \$50 million (£33 million) this year after a \$23 million surplus in 1986, which could lead the government to seek a new loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund, banking sources said. The deficit is expected as a result of a fall in coffee prices to below \$1.20 per pound from a high of more than two dollars in mid-1986 and a sharp rise in the oil price, they added. Kenya has traditionally enjoyed good relations with the IMF and a new loan agreement with the Fund would be the country's first option for overcoming the expected squeeze. Kenya last went to the IMF in February 1985, when it signed an \$82 million one-year standby agreement to help alleviate a severe drought.

RIVER AND MERCANTILE TRUST: Results for the year to December 31. Dividend 4.2p, making 6.2p (5.5p). Figures in £000s. Franked dividend income 3,402 (2,872). Unfranked dividend income 1,059 (856). Interest on debt securities 327 (474). Underwriting commission 134 (60). Gross income 5,103 (4,513). Expenses 583 (325). Interest charges 159 (207). Tax 1,326 (1,285). Net revenue 3,033 (2,695). Earnings per share 6.21p (5.51p). Net asset value 212p (177.9p). Dividend payable March 20.

PHOTO-ME INTERNATIONAL: Results for the six months to October 31. Interim dividend 2p (1.75p). Figures in £000s. Net turnover 34,228 (28,392). Group profit before charging depreciation 8,416 (6,145). Depreciation 2,366 (1,964). Net profit trading profit 6,050 (4,181). Tax 2,347 (1,497). Profit after tax 3,703 (2,684). Interest of minority shareholders 707 (448). Extraordinary credit 58 (343). Earnings per share 50.95p (34.29p). Dividend payable March 31.

THE COASTAL CORPN: The board has declared a three-for-two split of the company's common stock, its second in less than two years. The split will be in the form of a 50 per cent stock dividend. The company said it plans no change in the annual per share dividend rate on its common stock, which effectively increases dividends by 50 per cent. Shareholders will receive one additional common share for each two shares of common stock and class A common stock held. No additional class A shares will be issued.

MAWSON PACIFIC: The company has raised Aus\$2.5 million (£2.78 million) to finance the acquisition of a 50 per cent stake in the Marvel Loch Gold Mine and associated leases in Marvel Loch and Southern Cross, Western Australia. The placement of 10 million fully-paid 20 cent shares, at a premium of Aus\$0.25, was made to London and Australian clients of County Securities Australia. Some of the shares placed through County Securities were taken up in London.

AGA: The company intends acquiring a 49 per cent stake in a Malaysian gas company, wholly-owned by Industrial Oxygen Inc. BHD. The parties will sign the agreement before the end of this month.

BENTALLS: The planning committee of the royal borough of Kingston-upon-Thames has approved the planning application for the redevelopment of the site in the town centre. The £110 million redevelopment scheme, being carried out jointly by Bentalls and the Norwich Union, envisages the construction of a new Bentalls department store.

GBC CAPITAL: Total assets

APPOINTMENTS

The Property Trust: Mr B Halabi has become an executive director.

Le Brasseur & Bury: Mrs Pamela Benady Davies joins the partnership.

Furness-Houlders (Insurance Services): Mr John McLaren is now chairman and managing director.

Booth Engineering: Mr Michael Stott becomes sales director.

IMI Capital Markets (UK): Mr Michael Balfour joins the board as chairman designate.

Wellbeck Public Relations: Miss Lesley Grace, Mr Richard Callimore and Mr Christopher Linton-Willoughby are associate directors.

Wood Bros: Mr Simon Gilbert becomes managing director. Mr Wood Bros (Furniture). Mr H Wood becomes president. Mr Wood Bros Group, and Mrs Hilary House becomes chairman.

Barclays Bank: Mr Kenneth Atkinson is now senior local director, Manchester Local Head Office.

Brookmount Estates: Mr John Swift has joined the board.

Gouldens: Mr Adam Greaves and Mr Christopher Berry are now partners.

PRIVATBank: Mr W Davis, Mr P Dods, Mr R Lister, Mr I Rasmussen and Mr K Toft Jensen become executive directors.

Evode Group: Mr Richard Neal joins the board.

Anslove-Wilson and Amery: Mr C Brown is now divisional director, finance and accounting and company secretary.

Ferro Corporation: Mr

Terry Mackrell has been promoted to managing director, Ferro (Holland) and has been elected to the board of Ferro's subsidiaries in Germany, France and Portugal, he will also remain on the board of Ferro (Great Britain) and Ferro Normandy Plastics. Mr Trevor Mayer becomes managing director, Ferro (Great Britain).

Opencrest Executive: Mr Ray Proctor will be succeeding managing director, succeeding Mr George Lindley.

ABTA Technology Committee: Mr Mike Cogan has been named as vice-chairman.

JCB Sales: Mr Gordon Green is now a director and Mr Charles Ingram becomes sales director, UK.

Sutcliffe Catering Group: Mr Peter Ward has joined the board.

Simon Container Machinery: Mr John Oxford becomes sales and marketing director.

Steuars Romana (US): Mr Edward Heath is now president, succeeding Mr Thomas Scott.

Point Analysis: Mr Chris Evans becomes managing director.

British Rail Property Board: Mr Robert Holland and Mr Ian Northen become non-executive board members.

Occidental Petroleum (Caledonia): Mr Neil Campbell is vice president, exploration, succeeding Mr Joe McKinnif.

Ernst & Whinney: Mr Anthony Shephard becomes a partner.

British Franchise Association: Mr Desmond Cook is now chairman.

COMPANY NEWS

Shares pegged back in early trading

New York (Reuters) - A mild bout of profit-taking sent share prices lower in moderate early trading yesterday. The decline was accentuated by continued concern over the course of US interest rates and the dollar.

The half-point reduction in Japan's discount rate and the forthcoming Group of Five and Group of Seven finance ministers' meetings provided little solace.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose about four points at the opening, slipped to 2,338.75 for a net loss of 5.34 at one stage. The transport indicator was down 2.06 to 949.01.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index fell 0.75 to 234 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index lost 0.27 to 162.49. Advancing issues led declining shares by three to two.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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Record rise adds £600m to Glaxo value as drugs surge

By Michael Clark

Drug shares were back in fashion yesterday and this time it was the turn of Glaxo to lead the sector higher as it surged through the £15 mark to its highest level ever. Almost £600 million was added to the company's stock market value of £1.38 billion with the share price leaping 80p to £15.38, after £15.88, ahead of its transatlantic satellite link-up on Tuesday with fund managers in New York, London and Edinburgh.

News of the seminar has been attracting support from New York, Tokyo and London. Most investors are taking the view that the company would not have taken all this trouble unless it had some good news up its sleeve. Some claim that it is interesting to note that the Glaxo directors themselves will be in New York for the seminar.

American drug companies are much more open about their research and development activities and hopes are high that Glaxo with its new US-type high-profile image has decided to follow suit. Glaxo has a number of new drugs in the pipeline, including one to relieve anxiety and schizophrenia. Analysts claim this could be a successor to Zantac, its best selling anti-ulcer drug.

Earlier this week Glaxo confirmed plans to list its shares on Wall Street and the Tokyo stock market. The New York listing is expected to be completed by the end of the financial year in June with the Tokyo listing following towards the end of the year.

Glaxo shares have enjoyed an unauthorized quote in New York for almost 30 years, but the news that the group was applying for a full ADR quote has lent renewed support to the shares. After hitting a low of 75p in November, the price has now risen to almost 80p in a little over three months.

Dr John Reeve, top pharmaceutical analyst at Klenworth Greaveson, the broker, remains a big fan of the shares. He reports that there has been a lot of call option activity this week and plenty of two-way business in the underlying shares.

"Short term it is still very difficult to forecast. Our marketmakers think the shares are still going up to around the late teens," says Mr Reeve.

The other drug companies had also shrugged off any ill-effects of Thursday's profit-taking. Wellcome, whose Aids drug, Retrovir, has gripped the public imagination

in the fight against the killer disease, recovered some of its lost ground climbing 12p to 420p, having touched 452p earlier this week. The price has risen 128p during the account adding about £1 billion to its capitalization.

Beckham also advanced 10p to 540p, followed by Fisons 4p to 652p, Beecham 11p to 110p to £10.28, Smith & Nephew 4.5p to 161.5p and Macarthy Pharmaceuticals 12p to a new peak of 400p.

London International Group, the Durex condom manufacturer, which has also shot to prominence since the Aids epidemic, revived with a rise of 18p to 17p to 367p.

Meanwhile, investors were again chasing the rest of the equity market to new heights as the prospect of a 1 per cent point out in interest rates drew closer. This followed news overnight of a

reduction of a half per cent point to 3 per cent in Japanese rates.

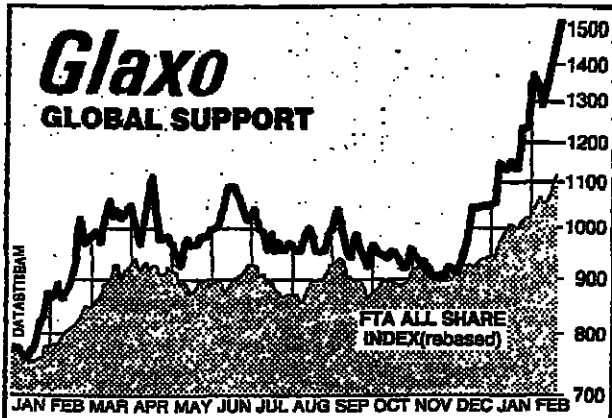
Prospects for interest rates worldwide are expected to improve following this week's meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations in Paris.

Investors at home also continued to take heart from the past week's encouraging economic news and prospects for the Chancellor's "give-away Budget" now less than a month away.

Prices made a firm start with double-figure gains notched up by the top 100 shares. A futile attempt by marketmakers to mark prices lower about mid-morning ended in failure.

After this investors grew in confidence and prices eventually closed at their best levels of the day. This proved to be unfortunate for those analysts and dealers who had attended the investment analysts' annual dinner the night before at the Grosvenor Hotel and had been hoping for a quiet end to the account in order to work off their hangovers.

The FT 30-share index finished 24.5 up at a new peak of



1,567.7 as more than £4 billion was added to value of quoted shares. The broader-based FT-SE 100 also closed at its best levels with a rise of 31.4 to a record 1,961.5.

Most dealers are now convinced that, despite Thursday's shakeout on profit-taking, the index will top the 2,000-level before the Chancellor rises to make his Budget speech.

Cheered by hopes of cheaper money Government securities extended this week's rally which has again seen yields at the longer end of the market start to dip below the important 10 per cent level. By the close prices in "longs" were sporting gains of up to 2%.

Among the alpha stocks, ICI continued its advance ahead of figures next week with a rise of 25p to £13.97 as 2.5 million shares changed hands. Hanson Trust also enjoyed solid support with a 5p rise to 167p as more than nine million shares changed hands.

This follows a major seminar in the City on Wednesday for leading fund managers arranged by the company's

own-broker, Hoare Govett. British Aerospace, a member of the European consortium responsible for the Tornado fighter aircraft, responded positively to the news that Japan might be allowed to join in order to build the aircraft under licence in Japan. The price closed 23p higher at 863p.

There is talk Trafalgar House is considering merging its oil interests with Ultramar, the independent exploration group. In return, Trafalgar would take a sizable holding in Ultramar. Dealers claim it could be a re-run of the recent ICI/Enterprise Oil deal. Trafalgar formed 1p to 321p and Ultramar 8p to 173p.

The "big four" clearing banks recovered their poise after a nervous start stemming from the confirmation that Brazil had decided to postpone loan repayments to foreign banks. This could prove to be particularly bad news for both Lloyds Bank and Midland Bank which

sizeable exposure to Brazilian loans.

But yesterday the market's thoughts were concentrated on the start of next week's dividend reporting season. National Westminster kicked off on Tuesday with figures which are expected to show pretax profits topping £1 billion for the first time ever. NatWest ended the day 5p dearer at 624p. Lloyds also managed a 2p lead at 504p, while Barclays Bank wiped out an earlier deficit to close all-square at 564p. But Midland finished 10p lower at 637p.

The insurance companies were also in form ahead of their reporting season which gets under way soon. Commercial Union, the subject of increased takeover speculation recently, firmed 10p to 352p, while rises were also seen in General Accident 22p to 979p, Guardian Royal Exchange 27p to 939p, Sun Alliance 15p to 979p. Royal Insurance also joined in the fun advancing through the £10 level with a rise of 13p to £10.01.

Oil shares made a hesitant start after learning that the oil price was continuing to slide on world markets. The price of North Sea Brent crude for March delivery fell by about 1 1/4 cents to \$16.95 a barrel ahead of meeting between the Arab oil producers this week-end in the Middle East.

Among the leaders BP rose 5p to 755p following further reflection on full-year figures announced on Thursday. Shell improved 5p to £10.51, London & Scottish Marine Oil 5p to 184p, British 2p to 177p and Enterprise Oil 1p to 195p.

But the best move of the day was seen in Barnaul Oil, up another 17p at a new high of 453p.

FRANKFURT: Share prices on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange closed broadly lower in quiet trading on continuing uncertainty over the dollar and sharp losses in the banking sector, brokers said. The Commerzbank index closed 6.7 points to 1,747.2.

HONG KONG: Corporate talk fuelled a strong rally on Hong Kong's stock market, taking many shares and the Hang Seng index to new records. The indicator finished the day at 2,827.40, up 51.58 points.

TOKYO: Share prices fell heavily as investors grew sceptical of the market's ability to maintain its current highs. The Nikkei Dow Jones index, hit by profit-taking, closed down 147.70 to 20,080.39.

COMMENT

British banks brave Brazil's debt action

Rumours that Brazil was about to default on its cross-border loans were rife in banking circles earlier this week. Though serious, the reality looks like being rather less drastic and bankers are putting on a brave face tinged with relief.

The essence of President Sarney's strategy seems likely to be a moratorium on large chunks of interest payments for 90 days. The news temporarily hit the English clearing banks, with Lloyds and Midland (the most exposed to Latin America) dropping sharply on the stock market. But they recovered somewhat as investors realized that Brazil's move is unlikely to affect next week's 1986 results.

It is the US banks which have more to fear. Their rigid accounting practices for bad debt require that any debt on which interest or principal is not received for at least 90 days is formally "impaired." A bank cannot then continue to accrue interest from the loan in its accounts, and must also discount all interest accrued but not yet received.

Bankers and analysts point out phlegmatically that 90 days is a long time in which to negotiate a deal with Brazil, and both sides have now become adept at reaching swift agreements. Brazil's latest moves should therefore be interpreted as a threat: the 90-day period was not chosen by pure chance but in the knowledge that US banks would be more than eager to do

something to prevent debt impairment. It is a serious threat.

The move highlights the way the eternal triangle of debtor nations, commercial banks and central banks have become increasingly skillful at applying pressure on their creditors in ways that bring quick results. The Europeans, with their more subjective approach to bad debt provisioning, are less vulnerable to sabre rattling than US banks.

At the same time, central bankers are not wholly disapproving of Brazilian-style tactics. It gives them a chance to drum home their message to the commercial banks that bad debt provisions must be more substantial, and the banks themselves more flexible in debt rescheduling. All leading central banks are applying pressure on both counts. The US Federal Reserve Board is most vocal because US banks as well as having the strictest bad debt accounting rules are the least well-provisioned.

As fears over Brazil grew the Fed won an important victory this week in persuading Citicorp to take an easier line with Chile. Citicorp has stood out against softening the terms of loan arrangements, but on Thursday it finally gave in. A further \$400 million (£260 million) loan to Chile can now be granted on easier terms, reducing the total amount Chile has to borrow. Brazil is no doubt well aware of the opportunities this opens up.

Share shop fallout

The fallout from the Government's privatization programme was present in abundance at a packed meeting of creditors of City Investment Centres - the licensed dealer which operated two Share Shops.

CIC flourished on the back of the shareholders' democracy created by privatization. Its turnover leapt from a few hundred thousand pounds to a staggering £57 million in one year, when it decided to offer to buy and sell popular shares to a gullible public.

Yesterday's packed meeting included people such as Cecil Krantz, a shy old age pensioner who lost his £3000 life savings. Dr Martin Wolfson, a general practitioner, who lost just under £7000 when he sold 1000 BP shares through CIC last September, and never got the proceeds. Sylvester Dasantos, a wood machinist thought he had bought 3000 Wellcome shares through CIC for £1170. He had not. All he has is a worthless contract note. There are hundreds of similar stories.

Nobody - least of all the Department of Trade and Industry which licensed CIC - emerges with any credit. Even yesterday the creditors were still not treated with the frankness they deserved. The Assistant Official Receiver advised creditors to appoint CIC's

special manager - Bill Ratford of the accountancy firm of Peat Marwick Mitchell as liquidator. He said that proxies representing creditors with debts of £249,000 supported this.

On closer questioning it emerged that the liquidators of the Ravensdale Group accounted for over £100,000 of these debts and had requested Mr Ratford's appointment. One of the liquidators is an insolvency colleague at Peat Marwick.

Mr Ratford, whose appointment was eventually supported by the creditors, may indeed have been the most appropriate person. However the spirit of disclosure of interests was regrettably not observed.

Overall the finger of blame points at the DTI case which faced with a mass of inexperienced share buyers created by privatization issues conspicuously failed to strengthen its ability to investigate dubious firms seeking to profit at their expense. It is inexcusable that the DTI should have taken three months to close down the share shops once it commenced a formal investigation.

The CIC situation should not happen again under the Financial Services Act which does away with the licensed dealer system.

TEMPUS

Pressure on ICI to match City hopes for final quarter profits

Whitehall clearance for ICI's acquisition of the West German paint group, Immo, put more sparkle in the group's share price yesterday. ICI has a great deal to live up to when it reports final figures for 1986 next week. Since the early weeks of this year, the shares have shown a clean pair of heels to the market in one of the most bullish periods market men can recall.

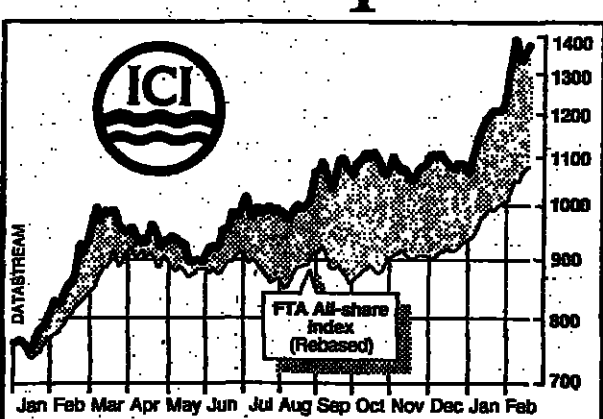
Over the past month, ICI shares have outperformed the FT-All share index by 7 per cent. On a longer perspective, the performance has also been impressive. The three-month and 12-month gains have been 10 per cent and 20 per cent better than the market as a whole. ICI watchers will be deeply disappointed if the fourth quarter has not been spectacular for our leading chemicals company.

During that period ICI had a lot of factors working strongly in its favour, both in terms of trading and currency movements. In Europe, the weakness of sterling against the mark has helped the bulk commodity chemicals businesses. In the short run this has improved margins and also ICI's market position.

The paints division will have benefited from the inclusion of Glidden for the first time and may even have doubled the contribution compared with the final quarter of 1985. Glidden, the third-largest paint group in the US, was one of the strategic acquisitions that has marked the leadership of Sir John Harvey-Jones. It has transformed the US from an area in which ICI seemed to find the paint business tough into one of considerable potential.

Fibres, another market where ICI has repositioned itself for better quality, higher margin business, is also believed by most analysts to have performed outstandingly well in the final three months of last year.

With a group the size of ICI it would be surprising if there were no troubles. Agricultural



chemicals are feeling the pinch with the Common Agricultural Policy failing to keep farmers in the manner to which they are accustomed. The problems of the farm sector in the US are all too well documented. Faced with ferocious price competition, fertilizers may well have run into losses in the fourth quarter, as in the third. Nor will oil and gas be the brightest star in ICI's firmament.

The net effect of all this could well be a rise of 50 per cent or more in the total fourth quarter profits, to about £300 million. This would lift the 1986 total back over the £1 billion mark and well on the way to £1.1 billion.

This sort of out-turn would just about match expectations, now discounting a further period of strong growth in the current year. Ball-park forecasts are in the region of £1.3 billion pretax for 1987, leaving the shares on a prospective price earnings ratio of under 12. Still good value.

Framlington

Soaring share prices put smiles on most faces in the City, but none beamed as wide as the fund managers, particularly those running quoted management companies such as Framlington whose performance records are on view for all to see. Framlington's six-month results to December 31 produced a 72.2 per cent surge in profits at £2,704,000, adjusted for the £11.4 million

total funds under management are now in excess of £1.5 billion - and has been followed by further growth including the addition of new clients.

Unlike those of Laurence Prust, Throgmorton's figures have been included for the full six months, the comparative figures adjusted accordingly. So earnings work out at 26.81, assuming full dilution by the convertible issued in payment for the business, compared with an adjusted 15.99 a year ago.

Boots

Charltons have been getting increasingly enthusiastic about shares of Boots, the high street retailing and pharmaceuticals group, as they climbed towards 290p, the peak reached in the middle of last year.

Shortly afterwards, takeover hopes were dashed with the announcement of Boots' US acquisition, Flint, which promises a payoff too far off and too uncertain for the liking of most investors.

During the last few weeks, however, Boots shares have been giving a reasonable impersonation of vertical takeoff and yesterday rose through the 290p level which the technical analysts see as highly significant.

There has been little in the way of hard news to fuel this optimism, barring the opening of the first Children's World store, an important departure from Boots' familiar high street trading pattern. These stores are based out of town, offering a mix of toys and children's clothing, with selling space of 30,000 sq ft or more, the superstore category. About 40 are planned over the next few years.

Could it be that at last the tide is turning for Boots after a long spell of unpopularity in the City?

There was a time when Glaxo fell from favour in the late 1970s during a spell when it was short of new drug discoveries. History has a habit of repeating itself in the stock market as elsewhere.

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Value of Pension Fund over 10 years to 1st September 1986

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Target soars head and shoulders above all rivals in the pensions field. The Times, Saturday 26th January 1985. Money Management, October 1985.

If you're self-employed or the director of a private company, you'll know all about the tax advantages of investing in a pension plan. Your biggest problem will be selecting the best from the rest. Obviously, the most important factor will be the size of your pension fund when you eventually retire.

Indeed the best performing contract in the survey was linked to Target's Managed Fund. The Daily Telegraph, Saturday 31st December 1983.

All too often, this decision is taken as a result of comparing projected growth figures, whereas the only realistic basis for comparison is achieved growth. The table above compares the actual results of an investment in the Target Personal Pension Plan - linked to the Target Managed Fund - with three leading with profits policies and two other unit linked plans invested in managed funds.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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| 39 | Ross (Austin) | Drugs/Stores | 100 |
| 40 | Ne-Swiss Inds | Industrials L-R | 100 |
| 41 | Coastal | Industrials A-D | 100 |
| 42 | Comet-Roads | Building/Roads | 100 |
| 43 | Winger (George) | Building/Roads | 100 |

| FOODS | | | |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| No. | Company | Group | Dividend |
| 1 | Hill Samuel | Banking | 100 |
| 2 | BSR | Electronics | 100 |
| 3 | Armstrong | Motors/Aircraft | 100 |
| 4 | BBA | Industrials A-D | 100 |
| 5 | Bally Uddell | Leisure | 100 |
| 6 | Stothert & Pitt | Industrials E-Z | 100 |
| 7 | Miles 33 | Electronics | 100 |
| 8 | Chemring | Industrials A-D | 100 |
| 9 | Hambro | Banking | 100 |
| 10 | Overseas Williams | Building/Roads | 100 |
| 11 | Bulwer | Building/Roads | 100 |
| 12 | Edbro | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 13 | Minero | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 14 | Bestair | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 15 | Bracken | Mining | 100 |
| 16 | Home Counties | Newspaper/Pubs | 100 |
| 17 | Elliot (B) | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 18 | ASDA-MFI (as) | Food | 100 |
| 19 | Int'l Bus Comm | Newspaper/Pubs | 100 |
| 20 | Carroll's 'A' | Drugs/Stores | 100 |
| 21 | First Leisure | Leisure | 100 |
| 22 | Lucas | Motors/Aircraft | 100 |
| 23 | Brimd Quellan | Industrials A-D | 100 |
| 24 | East | Electronics | 100 |
| 25 | Callins | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 26 | Logica | Motors/Aircraft | 100 |
| 27 | Nichols (JN) (Vimco) | Food | 100 |
| 28 | LCP | Drugs/Stores | 100 |
| 29 | Freshlake | Food | 100 |
| 30 | Canum (W) | Chemicals/Plas | 100 |
| 31 | Wiggins | Building/Roads | 100 |
| 32 | Wood (SW) | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 33 | Granplan Hidge | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 34 | Jaguar (as) | Motors/Aircraft | 100 |
| 35 | Kwik Save | Food | 100 |
| 36 | Haynes Publishing | Newspaper/Pubs | 100 |
| 37 | Applint | Motors/Aircraft | 100 |
| 38 | Uit Scientific | Electronics | 100 |
| 39 | Ross (Austin) | Drugs/Stores | 100 |
| 40 | Ne-Swiss Inds | Industrials L-R | 100 |
| 41 | Coastal | Industrials A-D | 100 |
| 42 | Comet-Roads | Building/Roads | 100 |
| 43 | Winger (George) | Building/Roads | 100 |

| CHEMICALS, PLASTICS | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| No. | Company | Group | Dividend |
| 1 | Hill Samuel | Banking | 100 |
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| 3 | Armstrong | Motors/Aircraft | 100 |
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| 5 | Bally Uddell | Leisure | 100 |
| 6 | Stothert & Pitt | Industrials E-Z | 100 |
| 7 | Miles 33 | Electronics | 100 |
| 8 | Chemring | Industrials A-D | 100 |
| 9 | Hambro | Banking | 100 |
| 10 | Overseas Williams | Building/Roads | 100 |
| 11 | Bulwer | Building/Roads | 100 |
| 12 | Edbro | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 13 | Minero | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 14 | Bestair | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 15 | Bracken | Mining | 100 |
| 16 | Home Counties | Newspaper/Pubs | 100 |
| 17 | Elliot (B) | Industrials E-K | 100 |
| 18 | ASDA-MFI (as) | Food | 100 |
| 19 | Int'l Bus Comm | Newspaper/Pubs | |

Unit Trust choice simplified

With over one thousand unit trusts available and more being launched each month, how do you know which to choose? In reality there are only three basic types of unit trust, and M&G has an outstandingly successful example of each: Recovery Fund for capital growth, Dividend Fund for an increasing income, and SECOND General for a balance between income and growth.

You should remember that new funds or funds which suffer a change of management are likely to be more of a gamble than those which can point to a long and successful record. M&G's investment team has remained largely unchanged for many years, and our long-term performance record reflects this. Past performance cannot be a guarantee for the future, but it is usually the best measure you have of a fund's likelihood of achieving its objective.

We are offering an extra 1% unit allocation if you invest £1,000 or more and 2% if you invest £10,000 or more per Fund.

The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. This means that unit trusts are a long-term investment and not suitable for money you may need at short notice.

GROWTH RECOVERY FUND

M&G Recovery Fund is probably the most successful unit trust ever launched and the table below shows just how well it has achieved its aim of capital growth. The Fund buys the shares of companies which have fallen on hard times. Losses must be expected when a company fails to recover but the effect of a turnaround can be dramatic.

| Year ended 31 DECEMBER | M&G RECOVERY | FT ORDINARY INDEX | RETAIL PRICE INDEX | BUILDING SOCIETY |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 23 May '89 | £10,000 | £10,000 | £10,000 | £10,000 |
| 1970 | 31,760 | 8,570 | 11,020 | 11,058 |
| 1975 | 26,400 | 11,121 | 21,285 | 16,178 |
| 1980 | 102,560 | 17,287 | 40,175 | 25,521 |
| 1985 | 270,800 | 35,474 | 55,235 | 40,164 |
| 1 Feb '87 | 400,320 | 61,343 | 57,172 | 43,503 |

NOTES: All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are net of the average of the rates levied in each year (Source: Building Societies Association). M&G Recovery Fund income figures are all realisation values.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON 18th February 1987 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were:

| | Recovery Fund | Income | Accumulation | Yield |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| Dividend Fund | 506.8p | 11.8p | 1.82p | 2.85% |
| SECOND General | 884.0p | 17.70p | 3.16p | 3.16% |

Prices and yields appear daily in the Financial Times. The difference between the offered price at which you buy units and the bid price (at which you sell) is normally 1%. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offered price and an annual charge of up to 1% of each fund's value (currently 0.75%) plus VAT is deducted from gross income. Income for Accumulation units is reinvested to increase their value and for Income units is distributed net of basic rate tax on the following dates:

| | Recovery | Dividend | SECOND |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Distributions | 20 Feb 1987 | 15 Jan 1987 | 15 Feb 1987 |
| Next distribution | 20 Aug 1987 | 15 July 1987 | 15 Aug 1987 |

You can buy or sell units on any business day. Contacts for purchase or sale will be dealt with within three working days. Remuneration is payable to accredited agents; rates are available on request. The Trustees for Recovery and Dividend Funds are M&G Securities Limited and for SECOND are M&G Securities (UK) Limited. The Funds are all well-managed investments and are authorised by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

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Income DIVIDEND FUND

If you need income which will grow over the years M&G Dividend Fund could be your ideal investment. The Fund invests in a wide range of ordinary shares and aims to provide a steady and increasing income and a yield about 50% higher than the FT Actuaries All-Share Index.

| Year ended 31 DECEMBER | M&G DIVIDEND | BUILDING SOCIETY | RETAIL PRICE INDEX | BUILDING SOCIETY |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 6 May '84 | £396 | £396 | £10,000 | £10,000 |
| 1970 | 463 | 650 | 10,760 | 10,000 |
| 1975 | 528 | 671 | 16,300 | 10,000 |
| 1980 | 1,560 | 1,000 | 24,280 | 10,000 |
| 1985 | 2,278 | 907 | 65,180 | 10,000 |
| 1986 | 2,680 | 750 | 84,820 | 10,000 |
| 1 Feb '87 | | | 91,420 | 10,000 |

NOTES: All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are net of the average of the rates levied in each year (Source: Building Societies Association). M&G Dividend Fund income figures are all realisation values.

Balanced SECOND GENERAL

M&G SECOND General Trust Fund aims for consistent growth of both capital and income and has a 30-year performance record which is second to none. It has a wide spread of shares mainly in British companies.

| Year ended 31 DECEMBER | M&G SECOND | FT ORDINARY INDEX | RETAIL PRICE INDEX | BUILDING SOCIETY |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 5 June '86 | £10,000 | £10,000 | £10,000 | £10,000 |
| 1970 | 19,520 | 20,000 | 11,230 | 12,483 |
| 1975 | 31,320 | 26,230 | 21,450 | 16,083 |
| 1980 | 46,880 | 30,540 | 37,343 | 21,636 |
| 1985 | 79,840 | 39,520 | 55,107 | 31,551 |
| 1986 | 155,400 | 61,500 | 62,484 | 31,551 |
| 1 Feb '87 | 244,000 | 79,000 | 69,918 | 31,551 |

NOTES: All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are net of the average of the rates levied in each year (Source: Building Societies Association). M&G SECOND General income figures are all realisation values.

SPECIAL OFFER CLOSES 5th APRIL

All applications received by 5th April 1987 will be given an extra 1% allocation of units. This will increase to 2% for applications of £10,000 or more per Fund.

To: M&G SECURITIES LIMITED, M&G HOUSE, VICTORIA ROAD, CHELMSFORD CM1 1FB. Please invest the sum indicated below in the fund(s) of your choice (minimum investment in each Fund: £1,000) in ACCUMULATION/INCOME units (delete as applicable). Accumulation units will be issued for Recovery and SECOND and Income units will be issued for Dividend at the price ruling on receipt of this application. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY.

A contract note will be sent to you stating exactly how much you own and the settlement date. Your certificate will follow shortly.

| | | |
|----------|---|----|
| RECOVERY | £ | 00 |
| DIVIDEND | £ | 00 |
| SECOND | £ | 00 |

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

POST CODE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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| INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP | Return at tax rates | | | Min/max | | Investment £ | Notice | Contact |
|--|---------------------|-------|-------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| | 20% | 45% | 60% | | | | | |
| BANKS | | | | | | | | |
| Deposit A/c | 5.00 | 3.87 | 2.82 | 1 min | 7 day | 01-626 1567 | | |
| Barclays | 5.00 | 3.87 | 2.82 | 1 min | 7 day | 01-626 1500 | | |
| Lloyds | 5.00 | 3.87 | 2.82 | 1 min | 7 day | 01-726 1000 | | |
| National Westminster | 5.00 | 3.87 | 2.82 | 1 min | 7 day | 01-260 8000 | | |
| Midland | 5.00 | 3.87 | 2.82 | 1 min | 7 day | 01-500 6000 | | |
| TSB | 5.00 | 3.87 | 2.82 | 1 min | 7 day | 01-500 6020 | | |
| National Girobank | 5.00 | 3.87 | 2.82 | 1 min | 7 day | | | |
| BUILDING SOCIETIES | 6.00 | 4.65 | 3.38 | 1 min | | | | |
| MONEY FUNDS | | | | | | | | |
| Aiken Hume Monthly Income | 7.66 | 5.93 | 4.32 | 1,000 min | | 01-638 6070 | | |
| Bank of Scotland | 7.66 | 5.93 | 4.32 | 2,500 min | | 01-626 8060 | | |
| Barclays High Rate Deposit | 7.13 | 5.52 | 4.02 | 1,000 min | | 01-626 1567 | | |
| Britannia High Interest | 7.66 | 5.93 | 4.32 | 10,000 min | | 01-638 2777 | | |
| HSBC Trust | 7.66 | 5.93 | 4.32 | 2,500 min | | 01-236 6391 | | |
| Henderson Money Mkt Chq A/c | 7.66 | 5.93 | 4.32 | 5,000 min | | 01-638 5757 | | |
| L & G High Interest Deposit | 8.15 | 6.31 | 4.59 | 1,000 min | 1 mth | 01-388 3211 | | |
| Lloyds HICA | 7.70 | 5.98 | 4.34 | 2,500 min | | 01-626 1500 | | |
| M&G HICA | 7.66 | 5.98 | 4.32 | 2,500 min | | 01-626 1500 | | |
| Midland HICA | 7.45 | 5.77 | 4.20 | 2,500 min | | 01-626 1500 | | |
| Net West High Int Special Res | 7.70 | 5.98 | 4.34 | 10,000 min | | 01-726 1000 | | |
| Oppenheimer Money Mgmt A/c | 7.75 | 6.00 | 4.37 | 1,000 min | 1 mth | 01-236 9362 | | |
| Oppenheimer Money Mgmt A/c | 8.04 | 6.23 | 4.53 | 1,000 min | 1 mth | 01-236 9362 | | |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Prem A/c | 7.75 | 6.00 | 4.37 | 2,500 min | | 01-626 1500 | | |
| S & P Call | 7.40 | 5.73 | 4.17 | 500-1,000 min | | 01-626 1500 | | |
| Schroder Wagg | 7.40 | 5.73 | 4.17 | 2,500 min | | 01-626 1500 | | |
| Tufts & Riley Call | 7.66 | 5.93 | 4.32 | 10,000 min | | 01-638 6070 | | |
| Tufts & Riley 7-day | 8.33 | 6.45 | 4.69 | 1,000 min | 7 day | 01-236 9362 | | |
| Tufts & Riley 7-day | 8.13 | 6.30 | 4.58 | 2,500 min | 7 day | 01-236 9362 | | |
| Tyndall Call | 7.98 | 6.18 | 4.49 | 2,500 min | 7 day | 0272 732241 | | |
| Tyndall 7-day | 7.87 | 6.10 | 4.44 | 2,500 min | 7 day | 0272 732241 | | |
| NATIONAL SAVINGS | | | | | | | | |
| Investment A/c | 8.34 | 6.46 | 4.70 | 5-100,000 | 1 mth | 041-6494555 | | |
| Income Bond | 8.34 | 6.46 | 4.70 | 2,000-100,000 | 3 mth | 0253 66151 | | |
| Deposited Income Bond | 8.70 | 6.74 | 4.90 | 100-100,000 | 3 mth | 041-6494555 | | |
| 32nd Issue Certificate | 5.68 | 4.40 | 3.20 | 5,000-100,000 | 3 mth | 0253 66151 | | |
| Yearly Plan | 8.75 | 6.75 | 4.95 | 25-5,000 | 8 day | 0385 64900 | | |
| General Extension Rate | 8.84 | 6.84 | 5.04 | 20-200 a mth | 14 day | 0385 64900 | | |
| Retail Prices Index - January | 8.70 | 6.70 | 4.90 | | | | | |
| | 194.5 | 194.5 | 194.5 | | | | | |
| GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS | | | | | | | | |
| Financial Planning Services | 10.1 | 8.49 | 6.97 | 1,000 min | 1 yr | 0892 30488 | | |
| Financial Planning Services | 10.0 | 8.45 | 7.00 | 1,000 min | 2 yrs | 0892 30488 | | |
| Financial Planning Services | 10.0 | 8.51 | 7.08 | 1,000 min | 3 yrs | 0892 30488 | | |
| Financial Planning Services | 10.0 | 8.54 | 7.14 | 1,000 min | 4 yrs | 0892 30488 | | |
| Premium Life | 8.60 | 6.66 | 4.85 | 1,000 min | 5 yrs | 0444 458721 | | |
| LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS | | | | | | | | |
| Leicester | 7.10 | 5.50 | 4.00 | 500 min | 1 yr | 01-638 6361 | | |
| Nottingham | 8.00 | 6.20 | 4.51 | 500 min | 2 yrs | 01-638 6361 | | |
| Nottingham | 8.00 | 6.20 | 4.51 | 500 min | 3 yrs | 01-638 6361 | | |
| Nottingham | 8.00 | 6.20 | 4.51 | 500 min | 4 yrs | 01-638 6361 | | |
| Nottingham | 8.00 | 6.20 | 4.51 | 500 min | 5 yrs | 01-638 6361 | | |
| Nottingham | 8.20 | 6.35 | 4.62 | 500 min | 6 yrs | 01-638 6361 | | |
| Nottingham | 8.20 | 6.35 | 4.62 | 500 min | 7 yrs | 01-638 6361 | | |
| Telford | 7.10 | 5.50 | 4.00 | 1,000 min | 8 yrs | 01-638 6361 | | |
| Telford | 7.10 | 5.50 | 4.00 | 1,000 min | 9 yrs | 01-638 6361 | | |
| Telford | 7.10 | 5.50 | 4.00 | 1,000 min | 10 yrs | 01-638 6361 | | |
| FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS | | | | | | | | |
| Sterling | 10.12 | | | 7 day | 0481 26741 | | | |
| US Dollar | 5.24 | | | 7 day | 0481 26741 | | | |
| Yen | 3.16 | | | 7 day | 0481 26741 | | | |
| D Mark | 3.19 | | | 7 day | 0481 26741 | | | |
| French Franc | 7.59 | | | 7 day | 0481 26741 | | | |
| Swiss Franc | 2.23 | | | 7 day | 0481 26741 | | | |

Interest Taxable, paid gross. (1) Tax free. (2) Other banks may differ. (3) Extra interest discounts usually pay 1-2% per cent above ordinary accounts. (4) Increased at end of year in line with rate of inflation. (5) Returns for higher rate taxpayers may differ according to type of bond and above rates should be taken as a general guide only. Research: Deborah Barn (01-622 5082)

Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of The Times this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 21).

| Share | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 3 | +7 | +4 | +2 | +5 | +6 | | |
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| 7 | +3 | +7 | +4 | +4 | +4 | | |
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| 9 | +5 | +5 | +5 | +3 | +2 | | |
| 10 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +4 | +2 | | |
| 11 | +5 | +4 | +4 | +5 | +7 | | |
| 12 | +5 | +3 | +3 | +2 | +4 | | |
| 13 | +4 | +2 | +2 | +2 | +2 | | |
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| 23 | +5 | +6 | +3 | +3 | +2 | | |
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Fresh funds

New unit trusts this week are the French Growth fund from MIM Britannia and the Pacific Trust from Edinburgh Fund Managers. Scimitar has launched a unit trust portfolio management service for investors with at least £10,000 to invest. M&G is making its Smaller Companies Unit Trust available in investment bond form. Charterhouse has supplemented its offshore funds with new currency and fixed interest options and Allied Dunbar has added Europe to its insurance-linked and pensions investment.

Another high

Unit trust funds under management hit another high in January, according to figures released this week by the Unit Trust Association. The value of funds managed increased in January by £2.8 billion to a record £34.8 billion. Net new investment at almost £692 million was also a record and the number of unitholder accounts is now 3.5 million.

MP's protest

The Conservative MP Robert McCrindle is unhappy about the cost imposed on small intermediaries by new financial services legislation and has put his reservations in a letter to the Consumer Affairs Minister Michael Howard. Mr McCrindle wants the minister to consider the possibility that consumers might be required to contribute to the new protection system.

The Pru view

The Prudential has published a handy booklet *Money and the Self-Employed* covering insurance, tax, pensions, investment and savings, and aimed at Britain's 2.7 million self-employed. The booklet is available free from any of the Prudential's 12,000 agents.

More TSB jobs

The Trustee Savings Bank is adding to its 18,000 staff with the recruitment of 700 clerical staff during the next few months. The new jobs will be created in London, Birmingham, Manchester, Peterborough, York and Exeter.

Leeds link-up

The Leeds Permanent Building Society is teaming up with insurance companies General Accident and Scottish Widows to offer a range of insurance products. A 10-year investment plan and a car insurance package are included.

Taxes to trap the funds

Just when you thought it was safe to go back across the water with your investments, along comes a general election.

PETER GARTLAND looks at the implications

We don't yet know the exact date, but everyone now assumes we shall be going to the polls before the year is out. In the meantime the Labour Party's policy on repatriation of capital invested overseas is becoming clearer.

At a private London luncheon on Thursday, organized by the Personal Finance Education Association, the Shadow Chancellor Roy Hattersley confirmed that he had no plans to penalize individual investors directly. Hence, no restrictions on owning holiday homes in Spain or limits on taking spending cash abroad.

But so far as the institutions are concerned — pension funds, insurance companies, investment trusts and unit trusts — tax concessions would be withdrawn under a future Labour Government (or penalties imposed, depending on your point of view) if the capital repatriation rules were ignored.

The mighty Prudential's investment chief, Mick Newmarch, had something to say about capital repatriation earlier this week. Speaking at a conference arranged by the Insurance and Reinsurance Research Group, Mr Newmarch said the Labour Party, "which always seems to be on the lookout for a plausible stick with which to beat the City", had decided that something must be done to force insurance companies and pension funds to invest less in overseas markets and to invest more in the UK.

Returning to Mr Hattersley, he clearly recognizes that it is impracticable to reintroduce the cumbersome pre-1979 exchange restrictions. The Shadow Chancellor acknowledges that it would no longer

Serious penalties for pension funds

be physically possible to do this, even with the most malign of intentions.

This is not only because the Bank of England's expertise in this field has long since been dispersed, but also because the speed of 1987 international currency fluctuations dictate that even a time lag measured in minutes between announcement and implementation of exchange controls would ensure a major flight of capital.

The alternative envisaged by the Labour Party relies on the rather more subtle tactic of withdrawing tax concessions available to the institutions. The consequences have already been spelt out by the research organization — the Institute for Fiscal Studies. According to the IFS, Labour's scheme offers institutions a choice — either comply with a quota on the proportion of total assets held overseas or face the penalty of losing their current tax relief.



Roy Hattersley would stop tax concessions, to the displeasure of Mick Newmarch, left

And which way would they jump? The penalty would be very serious for pension funds, which would certainly comply with the quota, says the IFS. It would be less serious for life assurance companies. Investment trusts would comply but many unit trusts would be unable to comply as they are licensed to invest abroad only.

In other words, Labour's proposals would herald a sea change in investment practice rather than a mere facelift, even though the IFS has already rejected the simple view that portfolio investment abroad starves British industry of access to finance for real investment.

There's even a whiff of the punitive about the proposals, with Mr Hattersley's advisers saying as recently as two days ago that no decision had yet been taken on whether the imposition of capital gains tax on unit trusts would apply just to specialist overseas funds or to the whole range of UK-invested unit trusts marketed by, say, M&G or Save & Prosper, if such groups failed to follow the overseas rules.

It's a recipe for scare-mongering among financial institutions and advisers, who are currently whipping up fear and greed sentiments.

A well-known London-based firm of tax consultants confirms that protection of overseas assets is a major talking point with clients. This firm's advice encompasses setting up discretionary trusts and putting money in funds based outside what used to be known as the Scheduled Territories — the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Kean Seager, who heads the Bristol-based financial advisory firm, Whitechurch Securities, says it makes sense for investors to take precautions while the costs of doing so are acceptable. For example, he says, if you were going to buy a domestic unit trust that invests in the United States or Japan, why not invest in its offshore counterpart?

Often the same group has both domestic and offshore funds with similar bid-offer spreads. Barings, Fidelity, CIT, and Henderson are just a few of the well-known and well-respected domestic companies that also run funds based outside the Scheduled Territories.

Among the companies Mr

Seager highlights as offering funds that should protect UK investors' interests are N.M. Schroder, Wardley, Mercury and, when it is launched in April, a fund from Clerical Medical.

The existing Schroder offering is an "umbrella" fund based in Cayman. It offers currency, fixed interest, and equity options under the same umbrella without incurring a charge to capital gains tax. In other words, a switch does not constitute a sale and as such is probably a good protection against exchange controls, says Mr Seager.

There is also the possibility of depositing money with the

'Good sense to buy offshore'

offshore subsidiary of one of the major clearing banks, although there can be a high minimum here — perhaps as much as £10,000.

Mr Seager concludes that if investors are considering buying a fund that invests in international markets, it makes a great deal of sense to buy an offshore fund. Offshore funds have performed at least as well as, and often better than, their domestic counterparts and offer some protection against the reintroduction

of exchange controls at little or no extra cost.

But is he right? There have been a number of spectacular frauds and failures in the unregulated waters of the offshore financial world, so the first rule is that you should put your money only with a company that has an excellent reputation and a large domestic operation.

But even then, would your offshore nest-egg protect you from the long reach of Mr Hattersley's re-generation plans for British industry? The truth is that neither Mr Seager nor anyone else really knows for sure. Any government can impose draconian penalties that would make offshore investment totally ineffective. If the Shadow Chancellor's present sabre-ranting becomes a reality then the chances are that even the most tortuous investment conditions routed through Luxembourg, Panama and Bermuda are unlikely to circumvent legally a full-blooded capital repatriation policy.

So, the message must be that if you are contemplating offshore investment, then fine so long as you know what you are doing. But don't be taken in by claims that it is a cast-iron insurance against an overseas capital clampdown. There is no such insurance.

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Lunn Poly offers a discount of £10 per person off its travel insurance, which is deducted from the final invoice. Many Co-operative stores are offering free insurance for holidays or flights valued at more than £150 per person, excluding winter sports.

Furthermore, some charge cards or credit cards offer complimentary insurance cover on travel. American Express, for instance, covers holders for up to £75,000 for travel accidents, and there is insurance for delays, missed connections and lost luggage when the scheduled air tickets have been charged to American Express.

Claims for travel cover are rising fast. The Association of British Insurers estimates that

UK residents made 300,000 claims for travel last year, the vast majority of which were for overseas holidays. This is up from 250,000 in 1985. The split is approximately 50 per cent for medical claims, worth £25 million, 30 per cent for cancellations, worth £15 million, and the balance, for theft or damage to baggage, worth £10 million.

It is usually a condition of making a holiday package booking that you take out either the recommended insurance cover of the company concerned or arrange a policy giving the same or improved terms. Details of the alternative choice must normally be written on the booking form.

24-hour medical
cover advised

In addition to the insurance offers in every tour brochure and the one possibly from your travel agent, consider those available through your insurance broker and bank, and those recommended by the Association of British Travel Agents and launched last month.

ABTA's Colin Brain, chairman of its Travel Agents' Council, says: "It has been our consistent objective to enable our members to offer competitively priced policies, which give their clients the widest possible choice." It has two plans, the cheaper Silver and more expensive Gold.

Despite reciprocal health agreements with many countries, it is advisable to take out full medical insurance. If you travel to another EEC state, ask for form CMI from the local DHSS office. On return-

ing this completed to the ministry, you will be issued with form E111, which gives limited free health cover.

However, it is far better to ensure that medical cover is on a 24-hour basis in case a serious emergency arises. The better companies have a day or night telephone number with a team of multi-lingual staff and medical advisers. They will guarantee the fees to the doctor overseas and, if appropriate, arrange repatriation with an ambulance-type aircraft, also taking the other members of the party into account.

In addition to covering medical expenses, which can be £100,000 (offered by Thomas Cook) or unlimited (from Global), it is normal for the holidaymaker to be given £10 per day spent in hospital. Normally the maximum benefit is £200 but UK Express, using Westgate Insurance, and Sovereign British Airways Holidays extend this to £300 and Lunn Poly to £500.

Most travellers forfeit some or all of the funds paid in advance if they have to cancel a booking. Cancellation cover for circumstances outside your control can therefore be useful. Jury service, compulsory quarantine or redundancy fall within this category, but watch the exclusions.

If you are travelling as a family or in a party, ensure that others on whom you may depend are covered.

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an additional premium to be paid for extra cover. Global's policy through Eagle Star and Home and Overseas permits better terms for a £3 weekly premium.

To indemnify you for legal liability if you accidentally injure a third party or damage

Watch carefully
for limitations

property, personal liability cover will be of benefit. The cover is usually up to £500,000.

One of the frequent risks when travelling is the loss, damage or theft of personal baggage and effects. Watch carefully for exclusions or limitations as the maximum payment for any one article may be £200.

Items most frequently limited are jewellery, furs, gold and silver articles, watches, binoculars and photographic, audio and video equipment. Indeed, all these sectors may be subject to a total of £200.

Incidentally, before travelling, do read the claim periods. Often if there is loss or

damage, a claim has to be lodged in writing within three days of discovery.

It is frustrating to be left with only the clothes you are wearing if the carrier has misrouted your luggage or it has been delayed. The better policies give a sum, such as £50, to help towards the purchase of emergency toiletries and clothing if the delay is more than 12 hours. Keep receipts to assist the claim.

If your ship or aircraft is delayed, it is now usual for travel policies to provide cover. Furthermore, if public transport or the car in which you were travelling to your destination lets you down, and this causes a missed departure, compensation may be up to £150 (from Thomas Cook), £200 (Global and Lancaster Holidays), £300 (Lunn Poly, Portland, Thomson, UK Express), £350 (Sovereign) and £800 (ABTA Gold Plan).

Personal money losses abroad can be difficult. Provided any claim is notified within 24 hours, the cover is normally good for cash, cheques, postal and money

orders and travellers' cheques to £100. Some schemes, such as Yorkshire Bank's, which uses Commercial Union's subsidiary, the Traveller's Insurance Association, cover up to £250 within Europe.

Most travel insurance is free for those under two provided

Industrial disputes
now included

they are with accompanying adults. Only a few companies offer discounts for youngsters, such as half rate for those under 16 with the ABTA Gold Plan. Most policies provide for travel in Europe, and world-wide if you are over 60 years at the date of departure, but again check as a few quote only double the rate.

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The rush for profits across the Channel

UNIT TRUSTS

Today sees the launch of MIM Britannia French Growth, the latest in a series of unit trusts investing in a single European market. LIZ WALKINGTON reports

Until 18 months ago, Hambro's Scandinavian was the only fund to specialize in just part of the European Continent. Since then, 10 have appeared — three West German, two Swiss, one Dutch, one Spanish and now three French.

GT was the trail-blazer with its West German fund, closely followed into the same country by Brown Shipley and Lloyds Bank. For a while, that seemed to be it, but recent months have seen the trend resume, with a rash of new offerings.

Alison Powell, of MIM Britannia, believes that France is set to be Europe's most rewarding stock market in 1987.

The idea of investing in just one country is not new, of course, there are many well established trusts investing in, say, the UK or Japan. But these are large markets, offering plenty of investment choice. The West German market is also quite sizeable, being the fifth largest in the world, but others, such as the Spanish and Dutch markets, are positively tiny by comparison.

The smaller number of stocks available, the less choice the fund manager has for his selection. In turn, the fewer the holdings in the trust, the more influence every one will have on overall perfor-

mance. That is, if one stock does well, it can bump up the fund's value, but if one does badly, it can cause an equally significant drop.

GT seems to have achieved a good spread in its West German fund, with 47 holdings, but Lloyds Bank has only 26. Brown Shipley's West German trust has 38 stocks, but it is significant that its newer European fund, though less than half the size, has almost the same number. At any rate, the performance of these funds has not so far been a glowing advertisement for single-country trusts.

At first sight, the price



Alison Powell: optimistic

increases during 1986, on an offer-to-offer basis, are quite attractive. According to figures produced by *Planned Savings* magazine, the Lloyds Bank fund gained 42.6 per cent, GT Germany 32.6 per cent, and Brown Shipley's trust, though the lowest of the three, still appreciated by more than 25 per cent.

But compared with other European funds, these results were mediocre, earning 40th, 46th and 49th places out of 49. The average gain was 51 per cent, while at the top of the sector Fidelity European showed an increase of more than 75 per cent.

This year has not as yet brought any improvement. Over January, the price of all three funds fell — in the case of GT Germany, by more than 10 per cent — and they took the bottom three places in that month's European performance table.

Another potential problem the fund manager faces is that if the market as a whole turns down, there is nowhere to run. With a European trust, there are opportunities to switch the emphasis between countries. On the other hand, if the relevant market is rising, the "pure" fund will reap the full benefits, while a European trust with a more widespread portfolio will gain only in part.

The effects of this have been well illustrated by the performance of EBC Amro's Dutch Fund, launched last March. When the Dutch election in May returned the ruling centre-right coalition party with a much larger majority than had been expected, the market hit a record high, and the trust shot to the top of the European sector in that month's table. The month before, however, it had been the only European fund to make a loss.

The existing French funds have had a similar experience, although the Dunelm French Growth trust did well to make a small gain at the end of last year, when the Paris Bourse was depressed by the effects of both the student riots and a lengthy rail strike. Nevertheless, both this and EBC Amro's French fund performed notably more strongly in January, when the market took a turn for the better.

In effect, a single-country trust is rather like a double-or-quits gamble, offering potentially high rewards, but with correspondingly high risk. While the market is rising, a good fund manager can achieve wondrous things, but when it falls, even the most skilful may find it difficult to avoid losses.

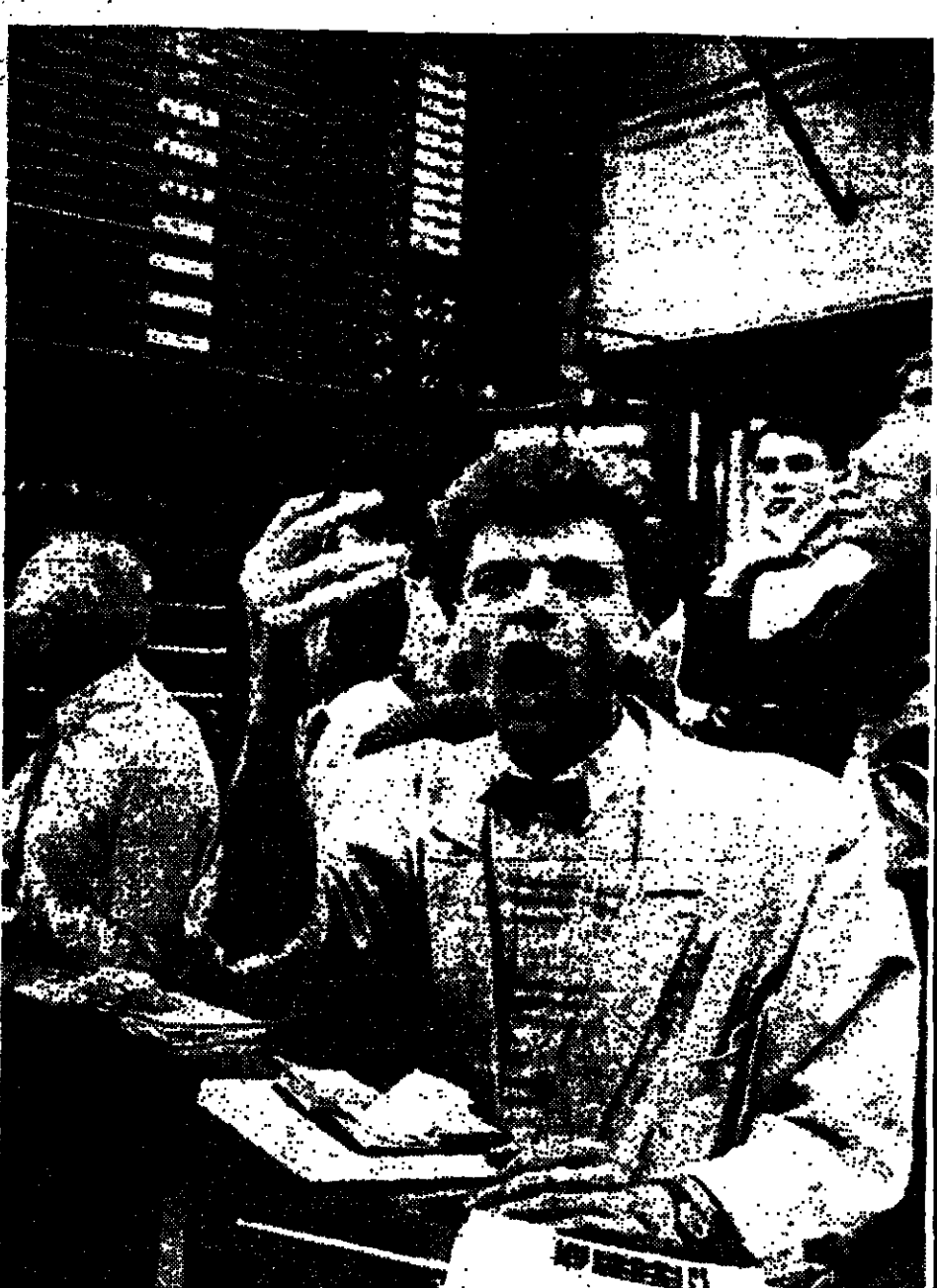
A general European trust, in contrast, is a much more conservative vehicle. The portfolio is likely to be spread over five or six main countries, and though one or another may be favoured, it would rarely be to the tune of more than 30 per cent of the total fund. Moreover, the proportions assigned to every market can be adjusted as circumstances change.

Brown Shipley favours Belgium more than West Germany for its European fund, though GT still gives the West German market top weight in its European portfolio.

MIM Britannia, despite being sufficiently keen on France to launch a specialist French fund, nevertheless gives preference to West Germany in both its European trusts. Indeed, in the *Smaller Companies* fund, France is fourth down the list, after West Germany, The Netherlands and Switzerland.

The conclusion must be that single-country European funds are not for the beginner, or the cautious.

For investors who already have shareholdings in Europe, these unit trusts can provide a convenient entry to smaller markets, where the knowledge required to invest directly may be lacking. Alternatively, they offer speculative possibilities, if you fancy a flutter on the Continent.



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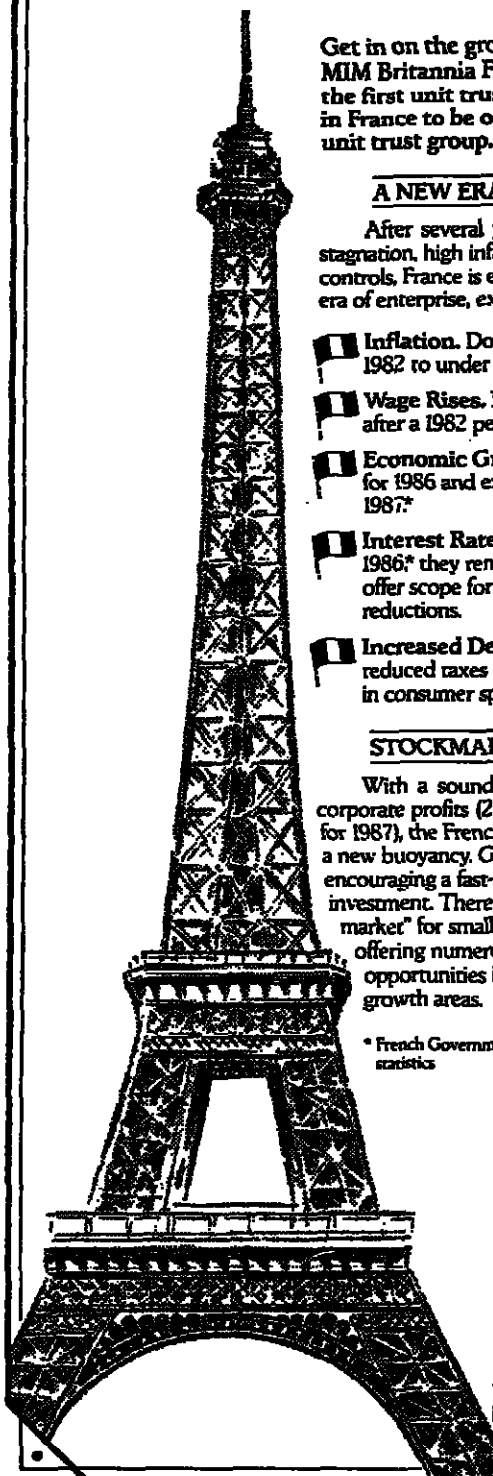
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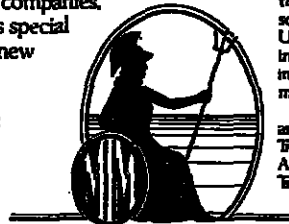
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The Premium Bond nutter asks for more

ERNIE

Unless he was ready to be taken away by men in white coats, no investment adviser would recommend Premium Bonds. Yet one punter at least cannot get enough of them.

Peter Farr, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, has twice written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking him to increase the maximum of £10,000 bonds that any individual can hold. "To no avail," says Mr Farr, although he is still hoping that Nigel Lawson will change his mind in the coming Budget.

The answer up to now, confirmed by the Bonds and Stock Office at Lytham St Annes, is that few people take up the full amount as it is. According to the Department for National Savings (DNS), the number at present is only about 15,000 of 25 million bond holders.

Mr Farr maintains the ceiling should be at least £15,000 to make up for inflation since it was last raised. He points out that other National Savings limits are as high as £100,000.

With his maximum holding, Mr Farr has won 68 cash prizes totalling £3,700, two of them in the January draw. In 1986 he had 12 wins totalling £700, and he expects at least one of his numbers to come up in every monthly draw.

Increase 'would favour the rich'

Mr Farr, a 57-year-old security guard, is convinced he would do even better if he were allowed to buy more bonds. He says: "I'm a nutter for Premium Bonds, and I would like another £5,000 worth."

In theory, the more bonds you hold the better the chance of getting among the winners. But as many people who have stepped up their holdings will confirm, the prizes can remain as elusive as ever.

The odds against any £1 bond number coming out of the electronic hat known as Ernie are 11,000 to one. As the

minimum initial purchase, however, is £10, the odds, according to the DNS arithmetic, shrink to 1,100 to one and on a £10,000 holding to 1.7 to one.

So with another £5,000, Mr Farr can expect the odds to swing in his favour. But he has been told that any increase in the limit would favour the rich.

A DNS official said: "There is no possibility of the limit being increased in the near future. It is not being considered."

From 1.3 billion numbers, about 168,000 winners were selected in this month's draw by Ernie - short for electronic random number indicator equipment.

The top jackpot prize is £250,000, with five prizes of £10,000 and 25 of £5,000. The remainder range from £1,000 down to £50. There is also a weekly jackpot of £100,000, plus one £50,000 prize and another of £25,000.

The total monthly payout is more than £11 million - the equivalent of 7.75 per cent interest on holders' money. Winnings are tax-free.

Despite occasional criticism, Ernie is claimed to be scrupulously fair. The DNS admits that more prizes go to people in the South of England than anywhere else, but this is because more bonds are bought there.

More justifiable is the criticism that new buyers have to wait for three months before their bonds go into the draw. In fact, this can stretch to four months because the waiting period does not start until the first day of the month after purchase. It is wise, therefore, to avoid buying at the beginning of a calendar month, the ideal time being at the end of the month.

After the initial £10, bonds are bought in multiples of £5. Some bigger punters believe that buying in blocks of, say, 500 with consecutive numbers, gives them a better chance of winning. This theory is firmly rejected by the DNS, which says that every single £1 unit that goes into the draw has exactly the same



Peter Farr: 'Pleasure and excitement from Premium Bonds'

chance of hitting the prize list.

Unlike a flutter on the football pools, you can get your money back on a Premium bond whenever you like, but it is an exaggeration by the DNS to say in its leaflet

'I've pressed the starter button'

that "you can never lose". Those who have held bonds for many years without a win and suffered the effects of inflation will certainly disagree.

And Mr Farr, though a multiple winner, admits he would have done better putting his money in a building society. Of his 68 wins, the majority have been £50 and none more than £100.

He has carefully monitored every block purchase since 1974 until he reached the limit in 1982 against a building society premium account at present paying interest of 8.75

per cent, and reckons that with the building society he would have been £1,856 better off.

But Mr Farr, unmarried and living alone, says: "I get a lot of pleasure and excitement out of my Premium Bonds. I've been up to Lytham and pressed the starter button of Ernie. I'm quite happy the way I'm going and I don't expect ever to win a big prize."

Others may get less fun out of the monthly Premium Bond lottery, and may have no more hope than Mr Farr of hitting the jackpot, but few if any will have as much at stake in relation to their total assets.

Mr Farr does have a little money in a building society, and knows a share bargain such as British Airways when he sees one, but his £10,000 Premium Bonds represent the bulk of his liquid assets. A situation that would send shudders down the spine of most investment buffs, but Mr Farr is unmoved.

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April 5, 1987, is an important income tax saving deadline for married couples if both husband and wife go out to work. **DANBY BLOCH and RAYMOND GODFREY** explain.

Is it worth making or revoking the wife's election? This arrangement — sometimes known as separate taxation — can be a route to substantial tax savings for many couples in the right circumstances.

The normal rule for husbands and wives who live together is that their incomes are taxed together, with the wife's income treated as if it belongs to the husband.

It is important not to confuse wife's earnings election with separate assessment — this is quite distinct. Normally the husband is responsible for filling in the tax return for their joint income and various reliefs, while the wife does not have to complete her own separate tax form.

Such basic arrangements have a rather Victorian ring to them and it is now possible for a husband and wife to ask for separate assessments so that they can each deal with the Inland Revenue individually.

Under such arrangements, the actual total amount of tax payable is not affected by the separate assessment procedure, as the tax bill is simply divided between the two incomes. Normally, because of the confidentiality between husband and wife regarding their tax affairs, it is prudent to use a third person, such as an accountant with all the necessary information, in order to check the Revenue's calculations and assessment.

So separate assessment is concerned with keeping each spouse's affairs apart and also dividing up the tax liability in an equitable manner. If you want to be separately assessed, then either the husband or the wife can make the election within a six-month period before July 6 in any tax year; so it is too late to do anything about the current tax year, but

you could change the position for 1987-88.

An entirely different matter is the question of the wife's earnings election, sometimes known as separate taxation. This decision does actually affect how much tax you have to pay and it can operate whether or not you are separately assessed.

In general, married couples benefit from the married person's allowance which, at £3,655, is £1,320 more than the single person's allowance. If the wife also has earnings, then these are normally subject to a wife's earned income allowance of £2,335 which is the same level as the single allowance.

These allowances are deducted from a couple's joint incomes and then the normal tax rates apply, ranging this year from 29 per cent up to 60 per cent.

The main effects of the wife's earnings election is, as the name implies, to have the wife's earnings taxed separately from her husband's income and also her investment income. The husband and wife can each get the single person's allowance and the wife's earnings are taxed separately.

In practice, it is worthwhile only if the sacrifice of the extra relief for the married allowance is made up in reduced rates of tax on the wife's earnings. Whether it is a good idea will generally depend on the level of earnings and also

The arithmetic must be done every year

the level of allowances and reliefs. A wife's investment income is always treated as belonging to the husband. So dividends, interest and rate and other income cannot be taxed separately.

The arithmetic needs to be done every year to see if it is worthwhile making or revoking the wife's earnings election. The exact point will vary from year to year and, of course, according to different circumstances.

For example, John and Jill are "dinks", which, in case you have not yet caught up with this acronym, stands for "double income, no kids". They have a £30,000 mort-

gage and Jill makes irregular contributions to a personal pension plan. Their position changed between this year and last, largely because Jill made a substantial pension contribution for 1986-87, catching up on payments she could have made in earlier years, and this £5,000 premium just stopped the wife's earnings election being worthwhile for the current year.

The tax saving for 1985-86 was £487, but in 1986-87 the wife's earnings election would mean an extra tax bill of £51. So the election should be revoked for the current year.

It is, therefore, worth doing the calculations every year and planning carefully, but as a very rough guide, the election may be worthwhile for 1985-86 if your joint income before deductions and reliefs was at least £25,360, and your



wife's earnings were at least £6,950. For 1986-87, the joint income should be £26,520 and the wife needs to earn at least £5,985 to make the election worthwhile.

However, these figures will vary according to such factors as the proportion of earned to investment income, the level of deductions and who can claim them.

You have until April 5 to make or revoke in writing the wife's earnings election for the tax year ending April 5, 1986, that is, the tax year 1985-86. But you have a full year in which to make up your mind about the position for the current tax year, 1986-87.

WITH WIFE'S EARNINGS ELECTION

| | 1985-86 | | 1986-87 | |
|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| | John | Jill | John | Jill |
| Earnings | 20,000 | 11,000 | 20,000 | 11,000 |
| Investment income | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Total | 25,000 | 16,000 | 25,000 | 16,000 |
| Allowances | 2,205 | 2,205 | 2,335 | 2,335 |
| Gross interest paid | 3,340 | | 3,340 | |
| Pension contribution | | 2,000 | | 5,000 |
| Total reliefs etc | 5,545 | 4,205 | 5,675 | 7,335 |
| Taxable income | 19,455 | 6,795 | 19,325 | 3,665 |
| Tax @ 30%/29% | 4,860 | 2,068 | 4,988 | 1,063 |
| Tax @ 40% | 1,200 | | 850 | |
| Tax @ 45%/15 | | | | |
| Total tax | 6,175 | 2,068 | 5,838 | 1,063 |
| Tax saving (extra tax) | 8,213 | | 6,801 | |
| | 487 | | (51) | |

TAXED TOGETHER

| | 1985-86 | 1986-87 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| John's earnings | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Jill's earnings | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Jill's gross investment income | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Total | 36,000 | 36,000 |
| Married allowance | 3,655 | 3,655 |
| Wife's earnings allowance | 2,205 | 2,335 |
| Gross interest paid | 3,340 | 3,340 |
| Pension contribution | 2,000 | 5,000 |
| Total reliefs etc | 11,000 | 14,330 |
| Taxable income | 25,000 | 21,670 |
| Tax @ 30%/29% | 4,860 | 4,988 |
| Tax @ 40% | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Tax @ 45% | 2,340 | 662 |
| Tax @ 50% | 300 | |
| Total tax | 8,700 | 6,850 |



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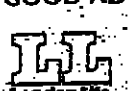
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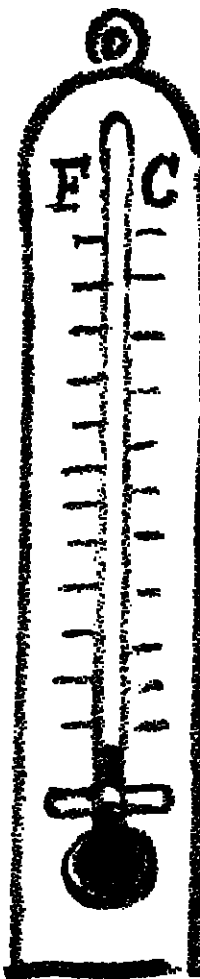
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People wanting a large or unusual loan will often find that their best bet is a foreign bank. JANE ALEXANDER explains

A large mortgage in building society terms - £50,000-plus - does not necessarily imply a large property. It would buy only a small central London flat. Among the foreign banks £50,000 or so is only the average.

Most of the foreign entrants are US banks, some of which have been in the UK mortgage market for nearly a decade. Last year saw the first Japanese entrant - Sumitomo Bank. The foreign banks' role looks set to expand.

A report by stockbrokers Quilter Goodison warns: "The way should be open for the life companies and foreign banks to develop a very substantial share of the UK mortgage market over the next two or three years. It is to be hoped that the Japanese banks are not writing 50 per cent of the new business by 1991."

Unlike the building societies which still rely heavily on savers' deposits for mortgage lending, the large international banks have no worries about funding. There should, therefore, never be queues for funds at these banks. It is as a result of their competition that the old practice of

charging a higher interest rate for larger loans has now been universally dropped. The foreign banks do not have large branch networks, so getting a loan from them generally involves seeing an intermediary. Most of these banks operate via a panel of insurance companies.

For example, Citibank uses Legal & General, Norwich Union, Scottish Life, Royal Life, Prudential and British National Life Assurance. Business then comes to them through life and mortgage brokers. Mortgage brokers should get their commission from the company, not the client. The table shows current lending criteria from the major foreign entrants and contact numbers.

Most recent innovations in the UK mortgage market have been spawned by the foreign banks. A number of them have offered fixed rate mortgages, although they are not generally offered to new borrowers in today's less favourable interest rate climate.

Loans pegged to money market rates - the so-called LIBOR-linked loans - have also been offered, notably by the United Bank of Kuwait. It has a mortgage where your interest rate is at 0.875 per cent over three-month LIBOR - which currently gives a rate of 12 per cent.

Last summer Citibank unveiled a radical new product - a cap-and-collar mortgage under which, for a small fee, borrowers could have their mortgage rate set for five years in the range of 8.5 per cent and 11 per cent. Borrowers who took one of these are now enjoying the 11 per cent mortgage rate and, should mortgage rates fall, their rate will fall with them, as low as 8.5 per cent.

However, all Citibank's special fixed rate deals have been withdrawn "until interest rates reach a more favourable level". The United Bank of Kuwait also has a cap-and-collar mortgage with the interest rate band of 10.5 to 12 per cent.

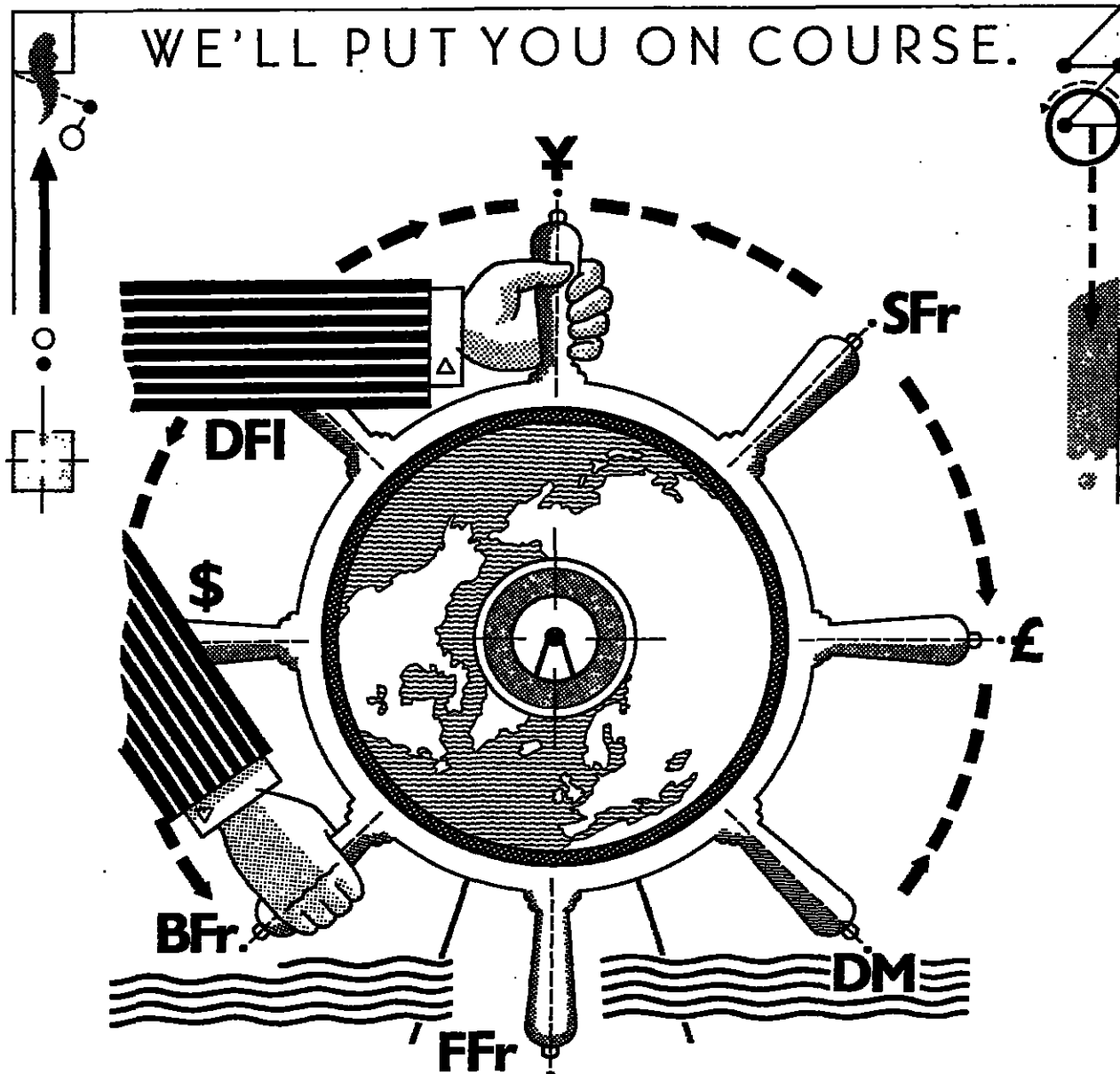
Some of the foreign banks look like winners simply in terms of their mortgage rate. The United Bank of Kuwait and the Mortgage Corporation, a subsidiary of US investment bank Salomon Bros, are offering rates under 12 per cent. The going rate among building societies at present is 12.25 to 12.375 per cent.

As well as watching out for the American and Japanese, borrowers now need to keep an eye on the Irish. Earlier this month a take-over was announced of one of the earliest foreign entrants, the profitable Bank America Finance. Bank of Ireland is paying £25 million for it.

MAJOR FOREIGN BANKS IN THE UK MORTGAGE MARKET

| Bank | Min/max loan size | Max % of value lent | Income multiples | Current rate | Special mortgages offered and fees |
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| Bank America Finance (0734 55891) | £50,000+ negotiable over £250,000 | 95% to £100,000 90%: £100,000-£150,000 80%: £150,000-£250,000 | 3 x main + 1 x 2nd or 2.75 x joint | 12.5% | Arrangement fee £200 |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (01-628 9858) | £25,000+ | 95% to £100,000 90%: £100,000-£150,000 85%: £150,000-£200,000 | 3 x main + 1 x 2nd or 2.5 x joint to £100,000 where both over 25. Sliding scale thereafter | 12.0% | No arrangement fee but borrower meets CBC solicitor's costs |
| Chase Manhattan (01-726 3434) | £20,000+ negotiable over £500,000 | 95% to £75,000 90%: £75,000-£100,000 85% for £100,000-£200,000 80% for £200,000-£500,000 | 3 x main + 1 x 2nd or 2.5 x joint where both over 25 | 12.25% | Arrangement fee £195 to £150,000 |
| Chemical Bank (01-380 5027) | £15,000+ | 95% | 3.0 x main + 1 x 2nd or 2.5 x joint where main is +£25,000 | 12.25% | Expatriate scheme |
| Citibank Savings (01-741 8000) | £15,000+ | 95% to £100,000 85%: £100,000-£250,000 80%: £250,000-£500,000 75%: £500,000+ | 3 x main + 1 x 2nd or 2.5 x joint | 12.45% new borrowers of £50,000+ 12.15% for less | 100% loans up to £50,000 at 13.7% Arrangement fee £150 to £25% |
| Mortgage Corporation (01-634 8444) | £16,000+ | 95% to £75,000 90%: £75,000-£150,000 85%: £150,000-£200,000 80%: £200,000+ | 3 x main + 1 x 2nd or 2.25 x joint where both 30+ | 11.9% | |
| Security Pacific (0734 61022) | £15,000-£200,000 | 100% to £60,000 95% to £100,000 90% to £200,000 | 3 x main or 2.5 joint up to 90% | 12.0% to 70% 12.25% to 90% 12.5% to 95% 13.75%: 100% | Arrangement fee £100 |
| Sumitomo Bank (01-236 7400) | £30,000+ negotiable over £250,000 | 95% to £100,000, sliding scale thereafter | 3 x main + 1 x 2nd | 12.0% | |
| United Bank of Kuwait (01-623 1736) | £30,000+ | 80% to £250,000 70%: £250,000-£500,000 60%: £500,000+ | 2.5 x main + 1.5 x 2nd or 2.5 x joint | 11.75% | LIBOR-linked mortgage, now 10.5% cap-and-collar mortgage 10.5% to 12.1% arrangement fee 0.25% of loan |

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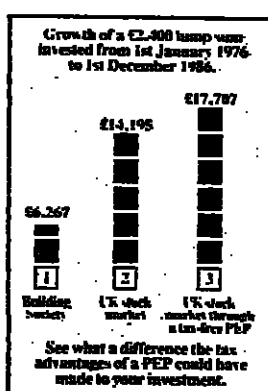
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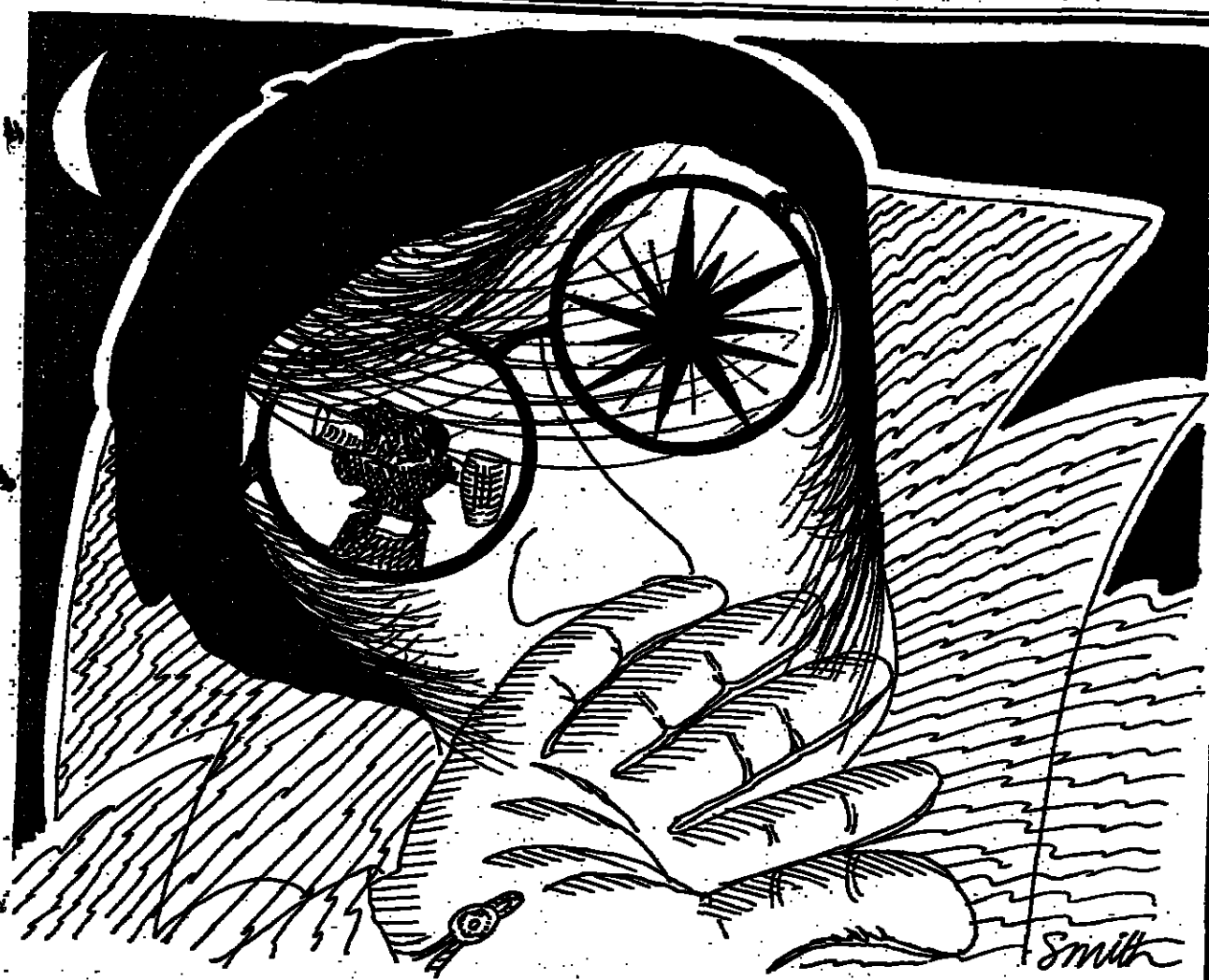
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A valuation on violence

VICTIMS

More crimes of violence are being committed today than ever before, and victims can sometimes be entitled to receive compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

ARTHUR NICKLIN reports

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board will consider applications from victims of criminal violence. If you are mugged and your assailant is never caught, you could still have a claim. There are, however, certain limitations and conditions.

You might get compensation for loss of earnings, damage to clothing, spectacles, dentures or hearing aids.

But if your wallet or purse is stolen, you will not receive anything for loss of money, jewellery, or other valuables you had in it.

Compensation might, however, be paid for any shock that is directly attributable to the violence or threat of violence.

To be eligible for compensation you must report the crime of violence to the police without delay and give them every assistance with their inquiries. If you have been drinking heavily or fighting, your conduct could have been provocative and this could make you ineligible.

Immoral conduct alone is not in itself a reason for reducing an award, but if it is regarded as provocative, it may prejudice your claim.

Should you have had a conviction for a serious crime or a reputation for getting into trouble, this might well spoil your chances.

An award will not be payable if the crime was committed by a person living with you, whether as husband or wife, or not.

The board must be satisfied that the person responsible and the applicant stopped living together before the application was made and seem unlikely to live together again.

In addition, whoever injured you must have been prosecuted for the crime unless there are good reasons why this cannot be done.

No compensation will be made if the amount due, after deduction of social security benefits, but before any other deductions under the scheme, is less than the minimum award of £400 (£500 in cases of family violence).

Every application is considered by one member of the

Pensioner was given an extra £25,000

board. If an award is made, the applicant will be given a breakdown of how compensation is assessed.

Should applicants not be satisfied with the decision, they are entitled to ask for their case to be heard before three members of the board other than the member who made the original decision.

Sometimes it is worth asking for another hearing. There is a case of a pensioner who had her handbag snatched. She refused to let it go and eventually fell down and suffered serious injuries.

An award of compensation was made, but she was not satisfied and requested a further hearing. As a result she received an additional £25,000.

Any compensation awarded by the board is reduced by the value of social security benefits or compensation received from other sources such as the civil or criminal courts. When accepting an award you sign a form agreeing to repay any damages or compensation you may subsequently receive.

In cases of rape, compensation may be given for pain, suffering and shock, but nothing will be paid for the maintenance of any child born as a result of the offence or loss of earnings due to consequent pregnancy.

When assessing compensation the board works on the basis of common law damages. Some very approximate guidelines used by the board in making its assessment are: rape, £2,750; loss of vision in one eye, £12,000; displaced nasal fracture, £450; displaced nasal fracture, £700; loss of two front upper teeth, £1,200; fractured jaw wired, £1,250.

If you see a fight or disturbance going on, it is wise to stay clear. Should you suffer accidental injuries as an innocent bystander, you are not eligible for compensation unless those injuries were caused intentionally or by the offender's recklessness. And that is difficult to prove.

Police officers can apply to the board to be compensated for injuries suffered when making or attempting to make an arrest.

It is quite common for police officers to be bitten by the person they are arresting, and that often causes complications. Human bites are a

very serious hazard and sometimes even prove to be fatal.

If a dog bites you because he is trying to protect his owner, there is no basis for a claim. But if the owner deliberately sets the dog on you, that could constitute criminal violence and some compensation may be payable.

The board's latest report shows that since 1964 when the scheme was introduced, 369,828 applications have been received by the board, and of these 318,338 have been resolved.

Despite what seems to be a large backlog, 29,965 cases were resolved in 1985-86, the highest in any single year since the scheme began.

During the year under review, 39,697 applications were received, more than in any other previous year. Altogether 22,534 final monetary awards were made and more than £41 million was paid out in compensation, more than 17 per cent higher than in 1984-85.

Claims increasing at 13 per cent a year

The largest percentage of awards varied between £1,000 and £1,999, and the smallest percentage were £10,000 and above.

If the number of applications continues to increase at an annual rate of more than 13 per cent, the board can expect to receive more than 45,000 new ones during the year.

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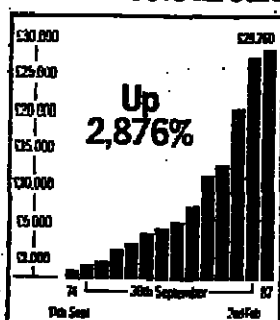
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A cautious step by the Halifax

Britain's biggest building society, the Halifax, announced its entry into the personal loans market this week.

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It is no coincidence that the Halifax is restricting its loan facilities to existing borrowers who have good mortgage track records. In recent years personal sector borrowing has increased substantially and rising levels of debt have led to concern that the personal sector is in danger of overstretching itself.

In a speech last September the Governor of the Bank of England cautioned institutions to resist pressure to become excessively lax and Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, has referred to the "new orthodoxy of easy credit" that has led many individuals into debt.

As for the Halifax, the chairman Richard Hornby set the scene in London this week by recalling that home ownership had grown twice as fast in the past five years as in the second half of the 1970s. House-buying has become much easier since the mortgage queues disappeared and increased competition among lenders has created new types of loan, thus widening the choice for borrowers.

However the dark side to this picture is that mortgage arrears and repossessions have risen. Much of this is due to the rise in unemployment during the past five years, but some has been caused by an easier lending policy.

Mr Hornby claims the problem is well in hand at the Halifax where the level of arrears is much less than among some other lenders. But he concedes that the trend has been worsening and says this must mean that some borrowers, including first-time buyers, will find it harder to come by 100 per cent loans.

So, maybe it is irresponsible for lenders to grant 100 per cent mortgages to young couples on tight budgets but potential borrowers themselves need to be more wary. Sir Gordon Borrie has said: "We should all get wise to the wiles of the marketer."

But the immediate problem for people who get into financial difficulty, often because of redundancy, divorce or illness, is how they can save their homes.

The first step must be to get in touch with the local branch of the building society or bank that granted the mortgage and explain the problem. Quick and informal contact of this kind can nip problems in the bud, whereas borrowers who get nasty letters from the lender's head office miss away are not encouraged to respond.

Of great importance also, get in touch with the National Consumer Council at 28 Grosvenor Gardens London SW1W 0DL (01-730 3469). The NCC has done a great deal of valuable work on debt problems. And make contact with your local citizens' advice bureau which will also give you a sympathetic hearing.

Whatever you do, don't keep debt problems to yourself through some misguided feeling of shame.

Peter Gartland

Nationwide asks for a fiver

The Nationwide Building Society's new chain of estate agencies is to raise funds for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless during April by encouraging sellers to donate £5 from the proceeds of every sale to Home Aid, the fund-raising arm of IYSH. Nationwide's 360 estate agency offices will match every donation with a £5 contribution of their own.

Individual sellers as well as house-builders are being asked to authorize their solicitors to deduct a minimum of £5 from the profit made on every sale. Projects that will be assisted include a centre for the young homeless and the unemployed in Bradford, West Yorkshire, a night shelter for older people in Richmond upon Thames, Surrey, and a housing and workshop project for mentally handicapped people in Cambridge who are capable of learning to look after themselves.

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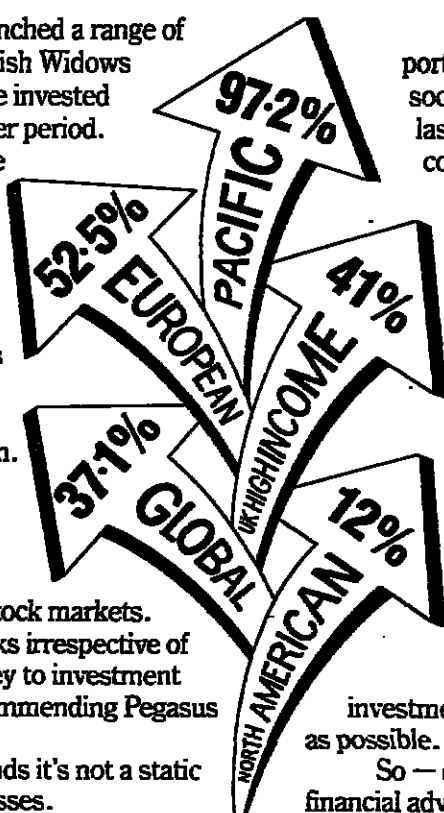
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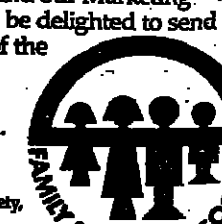
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The anti-establishment figure who can restore Britain's flagging game

From Richard Evans, Indian Wells, California

If results count for anything, Tony Pickard has to be high on the short-list of candidates for the newly-created post of director of coaching for British tennis, even if he is still not officially recognised as a coach by the Lawn Tennis Association.

For the past two years, Pickard, something of a maverick in the eyes of the establishment, has been the guiding force behind the development of Stefan Edberg, the 21-year-old Swede who is now the No. 2 ranked player in the world. No one else in British tennis has a remotely comparable track record in the international game.

Yet, despite his emotional commitment to the British game, Pickard is unlikely to be found lining up, cap in hand, resumé at the ready, outside the offices of the LTA at Barons Court in the coming weeks. No, indeed, will Tony Roche, Fred Stolle, Bob Brett, or any of the other top men in this specialised line of business be queuing up with him.

Paul Hutchings and his LTA colleagues must realise that top-quality people in any walk of life have to be hunted down. They do not come running as soon as the job-vacancy notices are posted.

As more than one senior coach commented here at Grand Champions yesterday, "Do the LTA really expect one of us to write in saying 'My name is Tony Roche and I look after Ivan Lendl, the

number one player in the world?" Unless they are prepared to settle for second-best, which would be heaping disaster on an already disastrous situation, the LTA are going to have to make the initial approach themselves.

Pickard, ready to speak out. However, the job carries sufficient prestige and challenge for many leading candidates to at least listen to the right kind of overtures. And Pickard, for one, is not ruling out a positive response.

"First of all, of course, I have a moral commitment to Stefan, and that must be number one on my list of considerations," he said just before Edberg continued his unbeaten run for 1987 by

reaching the quarter-finals of the Pilot Pen Classic here with a win in straight sets over Todd Witsken, of the United States.

Although Pickard has distanced himself from direct involvement with the domestic game ever since he stopped promoting Grand Prix tournaments in Nottingham in the Seventies, he has maintained his belief that there is a great wealth of untapped tennis talent in Britain.

"People like Billy Knight, Roger Taylor, and Gerald Battrick in Wales have a great knowledge and feeling for the game and they have a part to play," he said. "I have been critical of the way many things have been done but, believe me, it gives me no pleasure to see young British players struggle."

If he starts making some telephone calls, Hutchings will find that Pickard is not alone in his readiness to offer sound practical advice. Roy Emerson, Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Stolle, and other champions will find memories of great days at Wimbledon, would all be happy to assist in the rebuilding of British tennis, if only with a quiet word in his ear.

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Lloyd surprised by plucky Gompert

From Barry Wood, Boca Raton, Florida

A defeat of Chris Lloyd in his home state of Florida is such a rare thing that people were reaching back into their memories seeking how many times such a thing had occurred. A solitary loss to Martina Navratilova was all they could recall.

No one dared to ask Mrs Lloyd herself following her 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 defeat by her compatriot Kate Gompert. Not that she would have minded, for she was cool and collected in defeat, good humoured even.

"I'm not angry with myself. How could I be after having just had five months off? I really didn't expect to do wonders this week. Just because my record has been so good, too much has been said about me," she said.

Miss Gompert, presently ranked 35 in the world and a victor over Pam Shriver in the first-round of the Lipton players' international a year ago, played a full part in winning the match.

"I think Kate played a great match, especially in the third

set. She hit some great angled shots." Miss Gompert felt a touch of regret that she had defeated her role model.

"Britain's Sara Gomer suffered a 6-0, 6-0 whitewash at the hands of Stef Graf.

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Bringing back some rosy memories

By David Powell

England may not wish to be reminded, but the appearance of Nick Rose in the men's national cross-country championship at Stowley Park, Leicestershire today will evoke memories of the days when the nation dominated the world. Rose was the leader of a successful team but, since his departure in the summer of 1980 to a new life in the United States, England's runners have had to compete as much against capricious selectors as against the countries which now dominate the annual international race.

It was in 1980 that Rose last contested the national and, having won it convincingly, a month later, in Paris, he came closer to winning the world championship than any Englishman has since. Although Tim Hutchings claimed a silver medal in 1984 he finished further adrift than the four selectors which separated Rose from the title.

Rose's compensation for glorious failure on the Longchamps racetrack, where he was way out in front for most of the race, was to lead the country to victory. In two world championships Rose has returned home to Bristol with two team gold medals: a year earlier he had played a superb part in England's triumph in Ireland.

Now, with the seven-year itch driving him on to seek a place in the last England team before it is absorbed by a combined British team of 1989, Rose is eagerly awaiting tomorrow's race. Hutchings, the champion, has declined to defend, prompting the latest round of perversity among the selectors, who have



Champion contestant Rose hoping to run for England

refused to pre-name him for the world championships in Warsaw next month, so, Rose believes, the race is wide open. "The English nation in the best race in this country and is one that I would like to win again," he says. But he adds that his priority is to secure a place in the team. "I am looking at the top eight places but, if things go well, the top three." At 35, that would be a rare achievement.

But Rose is accustomed to rare achievements. He is, for example, the only athlete to have competed in all the major championships available to a world-class runner: the world championships, European championships, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, Europa Cup, World Cup, European indoor championships and world cross-country championships.

He describes himself as a self-

Targetman Christie finds himself in precarious position

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Lifford

British stock in world athletics has never been higher. And following the eighth gold medal successes of the European outdoor championships in Stuttgart last September, everybody wants a share. The West German media in Stuttgart are particularly in vogue. And have paid Frank Dick and his coaching team two compliments recently, at the individual and collective level.

As everyone knows, Boris Becker now has Dick as his conditioning coach. But more discreetly this week, three West German national coaches have just completed a short tour of Britain seeing and discussing how the recent successes have been managed. And everyone who has arrived here in northern France for this weekend's 18th European Indoor Championships are asking what the British are going to do next.

The first response is, to bring one of the strongest teams, and the British record should certainly be represented in these championships, 16 men and 11 women. And Dick is rumouring in his best Churchillian manner on, "about 11 shots at medals".

With at least three of those expected to hit the bullseye for gold, Linford Christie, the only Briton to win a title last year in Madrid looks to be in the most precarious position. For the 200 metres entry it probably the strongest ever, and Christie only decided to come here two days ago after a bout of chickenpox.

What is more, Christie has had his year of grace, and now he is everyone's target. He went to Madrid last year as the British second string to Ade Mafe - whose own career now needs

some reassessment. Christie got the admitted benefit of the sweeping outside lane on Madrid's tight track, and came back after being passed by the Soviet title holder, Byeguenov to snap up the gold. Christie went on to break the United Kingdom 100-metre record, and crown a long season with the European 100 metres title.

His recent illness could be more telling than the fact that he is as low as 12th on the ranking list of entrants. Stefano Tili, of Italy, is the world record holder at 20.52 seconds, and has done 20.62 seconds this year, compared with Christie's 21.05.

John Regis set a British record of 2.85 in Budapest two weeks ago. But the way Regis was beaten by Vladimir Krylov in Stuttgart the previous week, 20.74 to 21.03 suggests that the Soviet athlete, who won the outdoor championship in Stuttgart last September is the greatest threat to the two Britons. But the British record should certainly go, and Christie is hoping that the enforced rest will not be deleterious, "but I had to come and compete anyway, with the world championships only two weeks ago (in Indianapolis) this is the only chance I've got to compete before then."

In the absence of the European 110-metre hurdles champion, Stéphane Caristan - running in the United States prior to the world championships with the permission of the French Federation - Colin Jackson has already been heralded as the 60 metres hurdles champion. But his coach, Malcolm Arnold, has reservations. Jackson still has left hamstring problems.

SQUASH RACKETS

Upset win for Williams

By Colin McQuillan

Geoff Williams, the former British champion, who last November failed in his attempt to claim the title at the National championships, has forced his way into the semi-finals of the Kentish Tennis World Invitation tournament at Bromley, at the expense of Rodney Martin, Australia's youth champion.

Williams, 29, who is based in Manchester, beat Martin, a 21-year-old Sydney-born product of Geoff Hunt's Australian Institute of Squash, by 9-0, 9-3, 10-9. Martin did fight back from 3-8

down in the third, but lost the last two rallies to superior anticipation.

"Rodney has probably played too much squash in too short a period," said Williams.

Jamie Hickox, who lost the last Bromley final to Williams, reached the semi-finals by dismissing another top Australian, Chris Dinning, 9-3, 4-9, 9-3, 9-6. "The Bromley courts are lucky for me," said Hickox, the younger brother of Hiddy Jahan, a 4-9, 9-1, 9-1, 9-1, winner over Maqsood Ahmed.

HOCKEY

A hectic weekend for Richmond

By Sydney Friskin

Richmond have two ambitions this weekend - to complete their postponed Association Cup second round match against Aylesbury and to hold their position as leaders in the premier division of the Pizza Express London League.

The rearranged Cup match is to be played at Aylesbury, but if the ground there is still unavailable the game will be moved either to Feltham School or Richmond.

Foremost in Richmond's mind, however, is today's away League match against Slough,

for which Westcott and Gallimore are not available. But tomorrow, they will join forces with Mitchell, a Cambridge Blue, Newton, Moulton, Aikin, son, Wells, and Daubney for the cup match which, they ought to win. If they do, they meet Prescot in the third round.

Slough are at full strength against Richmond today with Barber sharpening his sword for more conversions of short corners. They are only two points behind Richmond with two games in hand and are, along with Southgate, the strongest

challengers for the title held by Hounslow.

Hounslow, without Grimley now playing indoors for England in Poland, are at home today in the Premier League to Teddington.

England could achieve only a 4-4 draw with Wales in their opening match of the European Indoor qualifying tournament at Totton. Poland, however, are the scorers for England were Purchase (2), Halliday, and Sherwin.

RESULTS: Austria 4, West Germany 9; England 12, Wales 4; Poland 11, Sweden 2; Austria 12, Italy 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan's mixed fortunes

By Keith Macklin

It was a good news, bad news day for Wigan yesterday. The good news is that the continuing safety work on the Central Park ground crush barriers means that the crowd limit can be raised to 22,000 for tomorrow's home game against Widnes. The bad news is that Graeme West, the club captain, has chipped a bone in his ankle and will be out for about a month. His place in the front row tomorrow is taken by Shaun Wayne.

St Helens have clicked into gear again, and should remain top of division one following the visit of Bradford Northern, who have declined sadly since their impressive opening to the season. The return of the New Zealand centre Mark Elia has injected extra pace and thrust into the St Helens attack at just the right time.

Halifax should win at home against a struggling Leigh side who have made heavy weather of reaching the quarter-finals of the Challenge Cup. The match between Hull Kingston Rovers and Leeds at Craven Park should be a good test of the apparent revival of both teams, and at the bottom end of the table Featherstone Rovers should get a much needed lift at the expense of their neighbours Wakefield Trinity, who have still to win a first division game this season.

Injury-stricken Warrington should beat Barrow, while second division leaders Hunslet and Swinton may not have things all their own way against Sheffield Eagles and Falmham.

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Sheff Wed v Birmingham
Sheff Utd v Plymouth

Scottish Premier Division

Falkirk v Aberdeen
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RACING: SCOTLAND'S HARDY WARRIOR SET FOR TENTH NEWCASTLE VICTORY

Veteran Peaty Sandy poised for first Eider Chase success

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Peaty Sandy is my choice to win the Tote Eider Handicap Chase at Newcastle today and thus record his tenth victory on the course.

Surprisingly, for a horse with that fine record at Gosforth Park, he has never won this particular marathon. But the reason is simple. Frost or snow caused the meeting to be abandoned three times in the last four years.

Equally unfortunate, 1984, the year that it was held, coincided with the one lean season in Peaty Sandy's otherwise laudable career. That year he could do no better than finish ninth behind Lucky Vane.

However following that commendable win at Ayr a week ago when he left the Divided, Durham Edition, Wayward Lad and Young Driver toiling in his wake over a distance well short of his best, I feel that Peaty Sandy should now be capable of setting the record straight.

Only Scarlet Terror would be a more popular winner. Her

dam Scarlet Leth won the same race in 1974 and amazingly her dam Carmen IV won it 13 years before that.

In reality though Scarlet Terror faces an uphill struggle. She will be carrying 8lb more than if the handicap were extended to take in her current official rating.

Dark Ivy has taken on a new lease of life since joining Gordon Richards' stable. But unlike Peaty Sandy, Hardy Lad has never won this sort of distance.

Having actually beaten Peaty Sandy by 2½ lengths at Ayr in December, Hardy Lad has a clear chance of doing so again on 3lb better terms. But it is pertinent to point out that this was Peaty Sandy's first race of the season whereas Hardy Lad had already run three times. I am hopeful that the old man of the party will prove capable of giving them all a run for their money.

At Nottingham, I expect to see First Bout draw further attention to his chance of winning the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham next

month by beating Cottage Run and Meikleour in the valuable Novices' Chase.

By the time Mister Point sets out to do battle with Aonoch and Bin Zaidoon in the City Trial Hurdle, I envisage that his form will have received a boost from Chepstow where I hope that The West Awake will have already won the Foodbrokers Persian War Novices' Hurdle.

When he maintained his unbeaten record under National Hunt rules at Sandown at the beginning of January, Mister Point had the West Awake six lengths back in second place albeit when in receipt of 5lb.

My feeling is that Mister Point will do well to beat Aonoch and Bin Zaidoon on these terms.

On the other hand, The West Awake looks a good bet to win his race now that he will be running over 2½ miles for the first time. Watching him race over shorter distances and knowing that he is a half-brother to that out-and-out stayer Model Pup, it is easy to understand why his

trainer Oliver Sherwood says that The West Awake has been crying out for this sort of race.

Discussing his plans at the beginning of this week, Sherwood left me in no doubt that The West Awake was his banker so I have gone up on him even though his opposition includes that other good novice Bonanza Boy.

After riding The West Awake, Simon Sherwood dashes across country to Windsor where The Processor is expected to give him a second taste of success this afternoon by winning the Runnymede Handicap Hurdle but not before his stable companion Royal Harbour has won the Magna Carta Novices Chase in the hands of Clive Cox.

Likely inspections

Today's Nottingham meeting will be the subject of a 9 am inspection in the event of any overnight frost. Chepstow passed a stewards' inspection yesterday, but will delay any further inspection until 11 am if there is frost in the ground. Newcastle and Windsor report no problems.



Alone Success (left), the eventual winner, and Shirlstar Tassavere neck and neck at Sandown (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

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Selections

By Mandarin

- 1.00 First Bout (if absent Panto Prince). 2.35 Eton Rouge.
1.30 THE WEST AWAKE (nap). 3.10 Fethard Friend.
2.00 Playchool. 3.40 Red Rocky.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 BONANZA BOY.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-4032 TIMESPORT (CD) Mrs D Robinson B 11-10-0 W West (4) 88 7-2
Racecard number. Draw in brackets. St-figure and distance winner. BF=best favourite in last five races. P=pulled up. U=unseated rider. G=goat. Owner in brackets. Trainer, Age and sex of horse. S=stallion. V=vet. H=handicap. E=eyeblink. C=course. Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting course winner. D=distance winner. CD=course price.

Going: soft (11.0am inspection)

1.0 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS (27.19: 2m) (16 runners)

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle



The other Eastenders: Del Walker, Sam Shepherd and Ann Gooding in Bronco Bullfrog (Ch4, 11.20pm)

All dressed up and somewhere to go: Amelia Shankley and Nigel Havers take a ride in A Little Princess (ITV, 4.30pm)

CHOICE

Without wanting to be rude, one always wishes the interviewer would ask Anthony Burgess how so discerning a writer could sport such a funny haircut. Is Russell Davies the man to ask the question when Saturday Review (BBC2, 8.45pm) interviews this industrious writer on his 70th birthday? Burgess was a late starter who began writing under sentence of death when doctors gave him a year to live. Over a century of a century later he's still at it, which leaves one wondering what happened to his doctors.

● Gary Kasparov makes his public appearance since defending the World Championship. Potter's furious writing overcomes reservations about the structure.

● "I read about some squiggly guy who claims that he just don't believe in fighting" is a typical example of the garish patriotism for which American country and western music is famous. A-Z of C & W (Ch4, 8.15pm) is a five-week survey that sets out to prove that there's more to the folk than redneck sentiments, booze and heartache.

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to leisure, entertainment
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In Tokyo rose a gangster's sun

Below the surface of Japan's orderly society there lurks the *yakuza*, a powerful organization resembling the Mafia, with a shadowy role and powerful friends. Its tentacles reach overseas, creating an invisible export of impressive proportions

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Kajui Inagawa is a short stout man of 70, but looks much younger. He wears a dark blue three-piece suit and radiates confidence. "I like casual conversation," he begins, "but it's difficult to do interviews. I don't want to become a showpiece. We're part of society's hidden world and not meant to be more." What he is referring to is that he heads one of the most successful of the crime syndicates that permeate Japanese life. His interview, held openly in a Tokyo hotel, is a pointer to the traditional, semi-official status of the so-called *yakuza* (the term is believed to have come from a card game, popular among the early gangsters) — of which his syndicate musters 119 gangs.

The *yakuza* may regard itself as part of the hidden world, but such a description is unduly, and doubtless deliberately, modest. It has grown from humble, domestic beginnings in the 18th century, when it began as a kind of collective father-figure with Robin Hood pretensions — "defenders of the common people" — to an organization so close to the centres of power that by 1960 it was able to recruit an "army" of 28,000 men to protect President Eisenhower on a visit to Japan. And its international tentacles have reached around the world to the point where, in 1976, the investigation into the Lockheed bribery scandal revealed that the yen equivalent of \$7 million, packed in cardboard boxes, had found its way to a prominent member of the *yakuza*.

So Inagawa is clearly playing in a game with very high

stakes; and he has the scars to prove it. During the interview, trying to put his guests at ease, he shows them off — part of an ear was removed, there is a chest wound; most important, he points to the back of his head: "Parts of my brains were blown off and I died, but somehow they revived me. After that I went through a conversion." He has tried to earn the reputation of a peacemaker in the underworld.

He complains that the Western press has never written anything favourable about the Japanese gangs. He hopes this will change and suggests that manuscripts might be submitted to him to be checked for wrong "assumptions". As the interview nears its end, one of his aides, Keizo Tanaka, declares: "We'd like you very much to grasp that our leader is a gentleman."

Certainly you would never take him for a criminal godfather, even the most esteemed in the Japanese underworld; you would hardly imagine him presiding over such customs as *yubitsune*, used to enforce discipline, in which the top joint of the little finger is ceremonially severed. A 1971 survey by government researchers found that 42 per cent of members of gangs concerned with gambling had chopped fingers. As many as 10 per cent had lost more than one joint.

The other great trademark of the *yakuza* is the tattoo. Today saunas and public baths, to protect their customers from gangsters, hang signs reading "No tattoos allowed". An estimated 73 per cent of *yakuza* members bear tattoos. There are elaborate initiation ceremonies, usually performed at a Shinto shrine. They involve exchanging cups of sake and swearing loyalty to the gang and to one mentor (or godfather) in particular, known as an *oyajun*.

Among the values the re-

cruit is meant to uphold are some from Samurai code, including a sense of duty and moral obligations ranging from "gratitude for an old kindness to the duty of revenge". Whether these old values still exist is a matter of spirited debate among those who follow the *yakuza*. According to Kakuji Inagawa, "the *yakuza* are trying to pursue the road of chivalry and patriotism". But he also adds: "The *yakuza* must respect morals and regulations and obey them — but that tradition is fading."

In the last 40 years, most *yakuza* gangs have become grouped in crime syndicates, with their own emblem, which they display openly on their offices. Members even wear lapel pins, much as a Rotarian might. Of the rhombus-shaped golden pin used by the Yamaguchi-gumi syndicate, it has been said that in much of Japan the showing of it could get trucks moved, goods discounted and hallways cleared.

Several of the syndicates publish their own newspapers or magazines, sometimes with poetry written by their members. After a recent gang war, the leaders went so far as to call a press conference, announcing the end of hostilities and apologizing for any inconvenience to the public.

According to Japan's National Police Agency, the *yakuza* control some 26,000 legitimate businesses and countless illegal ones. Their impact is felt from small side-street businesses to the country's largest corporations. The gangs are politically powerful as well, extending their influence through shadowy figures to the highest levels of Japanese government.

What put the *yakuza* on course for its modern position of dominance was the Allied occupation. Post-war shortages and the demobilization of Japan's huge army made ideal conditions for a massive black market. Ruthless new gangs of armed hoodlums sprang up all over Japan, called *gunbai*, and drawing on jobsless, young demobilized men, given to violence.

Later, as Japan recovered from defeat and destruction, the gangs moved from control of necessities to control of luxuries. No longer needed in the black market, the *yakuza* soon found that there was big money to be made from drugs, prostitution and entertainment.

Like other countries during



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the war, Japan had found that weary soldiers could be kept going on amphetamines, and large stocks of the drug had been produced (the most famous users were kamikaze pilots). Stocks were appropriated from military stores, and quickly found a market which the *yakuza* have come to monopolize.

Prostitution, too, became *yakuza* business. Traditionally many forms of prostitution were respectable in Japan, but the war's end changed all that. Out of economic desperation many women were sold by their families to *yakuza*, who used them as prostitutes in the cities.

Gambling revenues were partly lost when most popular forms of gambling were legalized, but the *yakuza* diversified into bars and the more profitable and professional sport. Chunks of the construction and entertainment industries are under *yakuza* control, and the portfolio includes extortionate loans, road transport, smuggling and blackmail. For a price, the *yakuza* will also break strikes and help to silence dissenters.

One of the most important forms of extortion centres on shareholders' meetings. The racketeers, known as the *sokaiya*, operate typically by

buying several shares of a company's stock, digging up scandalous information and then demanding hush money.

If the firm refuses to pay up, the *sokaiya* will appear at its next general meeting armed with revelations and berate the management. Larger *sokaiya* groups play both sides of the game by selling their services as strong-arm guards to ensure that meetings are run without awkward questions being asked.

Yakuza activities are not hampered by lack of weapons. Hand-guns are plentiful and the United States is, in effect, arming the Japanese underworld. America is a wide-open gun supermarket, and a pistol that sells legally there for \$250 will command up to 10 times more in Japan.

Guns are smuggled in false-bottomed bags, inside folk-craft articles, in cassette players and travel irons, even inside a pineapple (an item commonly carried by Japanese returning from Hawaii). In 1980 police discovered five pistols in the petrol tank of a British Jensen car.

As the gangs arm themselves, mob violence increases — in 1983 alone the number of

shoot-outs doubled in Tokyo. The individual *yakuza* are beginning to act as much for themselves as for the gang as a whole. The substance and the image of the noble outlaw are finally disappearing. The younger generation are simply not enamoured of gangland tradition. They are less willing to obey their bosses at every step, let alone give their lives for some abstract duty. They are forsaking the full-body tattoos, and opting instead for a simple line drawing or phrase on the upper arm.

All the same, organized crime in Japan remains remarkably powerful and, like organized crime everywhere, once entrenched, it is nearly impossible to eradicate. This is reinforced by the enduring links between high-ranking government officials and gang leaders, which have served to legitimize the position of the *yakuza* in Japanese society.

What are police to think when a former prime minister and education minister guarantee the bail of a convicted murderer from the Yamaguchi-gumi? And the police themselves tolerate the gangs. Periodic crackdowns are nothing more than cosmetic.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of police-gangster



Firm's annual bash: factional warfare involving the *sokaiya* (financial racketeers) at a Mitsubishi meeting

| OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND OF YAKUZA | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Occupation | Total | Percentage |
| Bakuto (gamblers) | 32,108 | 31 |
| Takiya (peddlers) | 24,008 | 23 |
| Gunsutra (hoodlums) | 11,500 | 11 |
| Sea port racketeers | 3,221 | 3 |
| Sokaiya (corporate racketeers) | 2,464 | 2 |
| Scandal sheet extortionists | 844 | 1 |
| Prostitution | 569 | 1 |
| Others | 29,241 | 28 |
| Total | 103,955 | 100 |

Source: National Police Agency, 1980



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relations is the *yakuza*'s function as a kind of alternative police force.

Criminologist Eric Von Hurst, a 15-year resident of Japan, says: "The one thing that terrifies Japanese police is unorganized crime. That's why there's so little street

crime here. Gangsters control the turf, and they provide the security. If some hoods come around the neighbourhood and start making trouble, chances are the *yakuza* will reach them first."

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Selling sex across the sea

Just as the Mafia overflowed its native Sicily and followed Italian communities overseas, so the *yakuza* have spread to neighbouring South Korea, to Taiwan and many parts of south-east Asia. They have crossed an ocean, too, hopping across the Pacific to Hawaii and even to South America, where Sao Paulo in Brazil is home to 250,000 Japanese. From Hawaii, *yakuza* have secured a foothold on the American mainland, turning up in California and, later, on the east coast.

So far, Europe has seemed too far and perhaps too unfamiliar, though its huge pornography industry is a temptation. But professional *yakuza* extortionists have dipped their toes in the water, buying stock in at least three leading European firms: Compagnie Française des Pétroles, Rotterdamach Beleggingen, and PARIBA, all in the early 1980s.

But if they are doing business abroad, most of the gangsters prefer to stick to the Pacific rim with its Asian drug markets and cheap prostitutes. With the Japanese, too, industry as a base, the gangs can invest, smuggle and steal while using as cover the huge num-



Yoshio Kodama (left), a *yakuza*, with prime minister Nobusuke Kishi in 1960

bers of Japanese travellers and businesses.

Sex has been the main commodity, encompassing prostitution at military bases, traffic in women and children, "mail order" marriages and pornography.

The sex industry in the West cannot compare with the massive scale of prostitution now practised in many developing countries. Up to the mid-1970s, western Europe served as the sex

traders' market. Today the international focus has shifted to eastern Asia, with Japan and the *yakuza* playing a key role.

Like other Japanese businessmen, the *yakuza* have proved themselves highly adaptable. When, in the early 1980s, protests by church groups in Korea, Thailand and the Philippines turned back the worst of the sex tours, the *yakuza* responded by turning the trade around. Instead of

taking the customers to the women, they began bringing the women to Japan. Tens of thousands of Asian women were lured to Japan with promises of jobs and money.

The situation became grave enough in 1984 for the Japanese police to create a special office to deal with illegal women workers. In Tokyo the Women's Christian Temperance Union plans to build a shelter for those who escape their captors.

TRAVEL 2

Pacing the beat of celluloid city

New York's racy lifestyle has become a cliché in films and TV crime series.
 Sylvia Howe got the feel of its pulse

New York is a city that survives on the obvious. It absorbs the subtle, enjoys it briefly and regurgitates it for mass consumption, sweetening the pill with a pun.

You can go to the opera with a Smooth Opera-tor, or watch Friends in High Places, graceful still dancers at the Lincoln Centre. In the Village Voice, the organ of Greenwich Village, you are invited to Tum te Tum, a singalong Te Deum. Now I'm doing it.

The pace is catching, the speed at which the city moves is fast, looking neither to right or left. Strolling is not comfortable because you feel at once different, vulnerable, best to follow the crowd until you get where you're going. Which may be never.

The new New Yorkers, the off-mocked Yuppies, striving for self and financial improvement, set themselves ever-higher goals: more money, more expensive hobbies, smarter condominiums, larger Cherokee Jeeps to take them and their yuppie dogs to their up-and-coming areas like Brooklyn Heights.

Speed does not necessarily mean sophistication; it depends on how you measure it. To America, New York is Sodom and Gomorrah. There is a sharpness that is missing from other parts of the country but, compared to the caprices and experiments of London, it is not out of the ordinary.

So much has been said about New York, so much shown on screen and committed to paper, everyone's either been there, lived there, or might as well have done. We all have preconceived ideas which have to be weathered before any sense of freshness comes through at all.

Yes, taxi drivers are chatty, sometimes, and they are often

rude but, more significantly, they have no idea where they are going and drive like Batman to get there. A lot of them don't speak English.

Yes, New Yorkers do love the English accent but they never, ever, understood what I said the first time. I said it. And if you ask for something that isn't exactly the norm, you probably won't get it.

Yes, helpings are often colossal, but the reverence for European style means that they are shrinking: some smaller, smarter places have smaller, smarter food, cuisine so nouvelle that you can see the plate. But no one ever eats asparagus with their fingers; if you do, and you're English, they assume you know something they don't but can't bring themselves to copy you.

The way New Yorkers talk about their city—the Park, the Village—makes it seem like a small rural community. Central Park is large (483 acres) and bisects Manhattan neatly. Apart from the leafy air-conditioned atriums of large commercial buildings which are open to everyone, there are few convenient public alternatives.

On hot days, the lawns are so thick with people that you can't see the grass; lean young men balance on their hands on skateboards, and weave smartly between empty beer cans impossibly close together to the sound of a huge ghetto blaster. Others practise baseball, lawn, picnic, run.

Although New York is a large city, the sights are concentrated within walking distance of each other. SoHo has the cast-iron buildings and lofts favoured by artists who do things with them. There are galleries, clothes shops, restaurants.

Greenwich Village is the meeting place for most of the city's 250,000 gay men and



Pressure point: a New Yorker stops to have a check-up for hypertension in the street

women. It has smaller town-houses and pretty streets and retains the shabby patina of hippydom. Chelsea and Tribeca are fashionable but run-down and up-and-coming respectively.

Chinatown and Little Italy are self-explanatory although the Chinese are spreading. The main streets are Mott and Mulberry. Little Italy is north of Canal Street to Houston, and from the Bowery west to Lafayette Street.

Near the financial district, Wall Street and Water Street, is the South Street Seaport, a spruced-up waterfront with boutiques and chichi restaurants. There is so much to see, too much for one visit or even three.

New York must have been "The Place to Be," in the

Thirties when architecture, fashion, art and music were pursued with huge creative energy. The remains are still stunning. The Empire State Building, of course, but also the Chrysler, smaller and more beautiful. Radio City Music is the country's largest indoor theatre, restored by public demand in 1979. It is now exactly as it was when it opened in 1932, a masterpiece of art deco.

You aren't starved of museums. Most are off Fifth Avenue, from 79th to 104th Street, although many exceptions prove the rule. I went to the Frick, which holds wall-to-wall European painting of a splendour and familiarity to take your breath away. The Met had an exhibition of Impressionists from the muse-

ums in Moscow and Leningrad, as well as the collections that make it the largest museum of art in the world.

And the Museum of Modern Art, which has every modern painting or sculpture you have ever heard of or seen reproduced, or so it seems. There is Brancusi in the back garden, Lichtenstein on the landing. You name it, they have it.

The New York Times, when the Victorian frills of Penn Station were replaced by today's brick square, wrote: "Any city gets what it deserves."

It may be a pressurized city to survive in, but it is an exciting one to visit—a place that offers as much as it demands if you know where to look.



Old and new: New York's mean streets and skyline

TRAVEL NOTES

Getting Around: cabs cost \$1.10 for the first ninth of a mile, and 10 cents for each ninth after that. Rates are the same, however many passengers, with a 50 cent charge for a fifth person, or between 8pm and 6am, and tips are about 15 per cent, depending how you feel at the end of the journey.

The subway costs \$1.50 however long or short the trip; it runs 24 hours. Buses are cleaner than in London, the air-conditioning works in summer, the heating in winter, and cost \$1 per journey.

For both subway and bus, buy tokens in packs of 10 and save a lot of problems. Safety: New York has a not undeserved reputation for crime. As anywhere, be

sensible. Don't show off your wealth, even if it is only a \$20 note before you buy a token on the subway. Walk firmly, don't hang around and try not to look vulnerable which means checking your route before you leave. Travel on the subway near the guard, or the police who patrol it regularly. Don't wander aimlessly around Harlem or the Bronx, or anywhere that is lonely and deserted.

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THE ARTS

The surreal and the reality

Arena's *Ruth, Roses and Reverser* (BBC2), which took its title from one of Man Ray's films, brought us a selection of highlights from the early years of surrealism. Acting as Master of Ceremonies was David Lynch, who holds the position of this month's most celebrated movie director due to the imminent release of his own disturbing surrealist venture, *Blue Velvet*.

TELEVISION

Explaining that "these are films that create a world of their own where nothing is what it seems on the surface", Lynch (dressed in his uniform of tightly buttoned white shirt and black jacket) introduced us to a personal "That's Entertainment" involving the films of Marcel Duchamp, Max Ernst, Jean Cocteau, Hans Richter and several others. It seemed like a good idea.

Viewed as a body this work conjured up an extraordinary sense of dislocation as people and objects were thrown off centre into places of the imagination. The artists injected the world of film with a set of new, warped boundaries which can be clearly seen as a current rock video, where the disconnected, dream-like sequence is regarded as a safe bet to accompany any old drum machine.

This much emerged from

watching the films alone but was scarcely enhanced by Lynch's commentary from his cinema seat, which lacked substantial form or observation and served primarily to interrupt the flow of images. Statements such as "This is a very special film. It feels very complete. It has strange feelings about death, opposites and time" were not a great help in understanding what the artists were hoping to achieve.

Still, it was interesting to learn that Max Ernst in *Desire* was the first to employ dry ice, and also to see how directly Lynch himself drew on these early works for his references and inspiration for *Blue Velvet*.

Dreams of quite another kind were first on display and then left behind in the final episode of *Yesterday's Dreams* (ITV).

Throughout its run, this drama has maintained its position in the better class of slash with sepia flashbacks, emotive incidental music and, last night, a two-minute sunset.

Unfortunately, at the end of a realistic note crept in and a life of passion with the too-good-looking-for-his-own-sake Martin was ditched by Diane in favour of a sensible home with the too-nice-to-be-true Don, an occurrence which would never have happened in the very best class of slash.

Alexandra Shulman

Hungarian rhapsody of film

Hungary's new films are outspoken in a way unthinkable even nine months ago. David Robinson reports from the Budapest Film Week



Sweeping down from heights of magic: A Hungarian Fairy Tale, the most accomplished film on view

The reactions of the rest of the socialist world to the new Soviet cultural climate emphasize polarities. In Prague, for instance, the sale of *Pravda* is reported to be restricted on account of its new liberalism. In Budapest, where it was previously a sluggish prospect on the newsstands, it now sells out faster than the Western papers that have been freely available for several years.

The Hungarians, not unreasonably, pride themselves that the lessons have been learned: they have fairly consistently led the socialist world in cultural openness. Even so, some of the films shown in the annual Budapest Film Week these last few days were far more outspoken than would have been permissible as recently as nine months ago. *Marta Mészáros' Diary for My Love*, above all, is a milestone in the history of East European cinema. The second part of a trilogy that began with *Diary for my Children*, this is the first authentic autobiographical record by a witness, at painfully close quarters, of the events of the Stalin era.

In *Diary for my Children*, already shown in London, Mészáros recalls a childhood as the daughter of an emigrant Hungarian artist in the USSR. The father having vanished in the purges of 1938, the girl (Mészáros calls her Julie) is returned to an adoptive family in Budapest in the turbulent post-war years.

In the sequel, Julie returns to Moscow to study at the Film Institute, despite the resistance to admitting women as film directors. On her return trips to Budapest she witnesses the arrest, the tortures, the show trials and all the other abuses of the Rakosi period. The film ends with the counter revolution of 1956.

The film is simple, direct, even naive in style. Its power lies in the intensity of experience recollected

and the frankness of the content. This is the first time since 1956 that the image of Imre Nagy (in old newsreels) has appeared on screen, as well as film of the funeral, five years after his execution, of László Rajk, the most celebrated victim of the show trials.

Imre Nagy's last radio message ("the Russians are invading") is heard in Péter Gárdos's *Whooping Cough*. The events of that Budapest October are seen through the eyes of a child, given a sudden exciting holiday from school, as the grown-ups all appear to his eyes to go crazy. Skillfully written and handled, it is a microcosm of the moment when, as Budapest Radio memorably announced, "This is history speaking".

It is a recurrent process in Eastern European cinema that with each new stage of cultural relaxation, film makers return to a fresh analysis of the tortuous history of their world through the previous 40 years. Sometimes melodrama supplants analysis, however. Gyula Maára's *The Mills of Hell* shows an upright Party official of 1950 delivering his daughter's undesirable suitor to the torturers of the secret police.

The climate is disorienting but stimulating. After a singularly poor year in 1985, the Hungarian cinema is back on top form. Easily the most original and accomplished film on view was Gyula Gazdaz's *A Hungarian Fairy Tale*.

In the mingling of poetic fantasy and everyday realism, there are unmistakable traces of the profound influence that Lindsay Anderson's *If...* had on the generation that is now, like Gazdaz, around 40.

The pretext for the story is an odd quirk of family law which provides that every illegitimate child with no identified father will be assigned a fictitious parent on his documents. When his mother is suddenly killed in an accident, Gazdaz's hero, trusting little Andris, goes in search of this father. At the same moment the civil servant responsible rebels against a life of official lies and runs amok. Their paths cross, along with witches, children with guns and *Die Zauberflöte*. Hungarian fairy tales always begin "It was... and it

wasn't...". The film swoops down from the heights of magic to inflict sharp attacks on contemporary reality.

János Rózsa's *Love, Mother* also deals with present-day society and the general decline of communication. It is a chamber comedy about a family so caught up in their individual affairs that they communicate only through notes left in the kitchen. The film is witty, elegant and resigned to the hopelessness of its plea for better family life and greater respect for children.

Péter Bacsó's annual comedy *Basszsa Siska Waltz* is a heavier-handed gesture of despair at the awful way we live: a Kafkaesque escalation of catastrophes following on a young doctor's gallant gesture in lending his coat to cover a neurotic lady stalker.

The old master of Hungarian films, Miklós Jancsó, returned to the screen with a sardonic and desperate vision of the end of the world, *The Season of Monsters*. A strange, impenetrable, bleakly jocular dance of death and resurrection, it is almost a parody of the classic Jancsó style, with its recurrent images of candles, of naked ladies, and an inexplicable omnipresent helicopter.

Documentary flourishes as a lively arena of social debate. Just released after several years on the shelf — due to the opposition of the medical establishment — Ferenc Kósa's four-hour film *The Last Plea* uses the example of Dr Bérés's legendary cancer cure to examine official responses to individual enterprise.

András Dér and László Hartai's *Pretty Girls* is a compelling *cinéma vérité* report on the first Hungarian beauty contest in 50 years, and the pressures that drove the 16-year-old winner to suicide. And for light but noisy relief, there was a witty re-creation of the impact of British pop, János Zsomboi's *Magie* — *Queen in Hungary*.

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of instrumental character with great thoughtfulness. He has rightly refused the easy solution of pursuing with enough determination and understanding.

In this concert were found the two requisite heroes, the virtuoso tuba player Melvyn Poore and the composer Jonathan Harvey, who both showed those qualities, and several more into the bargain, in the first performance of Harvey's new piece for tuba and orchestra which he has revealingly called *Lightness and Weight*.

Harvey has addressed the attendant problems of expressiveness, of balance, and

In fact the entire work revolves around opposites. The sustained is contrasted with the pointillistic, for instance, or, in the orchestral texture, predominantly high pitches vie or co-exist with predominantly low.

The music, furthermore, is made easily accessible through Harvey's unapologetic adoption of the time-honoured device of using a prominent and pervasive interval, in this case a descending minor third.

Lothar Zagrosek conducted the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in a finely controlled performance which captured the work's porcelain-like fragility beautifully, while Poore was simply his usual, magnificent self.

Stephen Pettitt

Playing straight

OPERA

Ruddigore
Sadler's Wells

There will be those who would prefer their melodrama less mellow, their high camp still higher. And there will be those who, with appetites whetted by Richard Morrison's account of Gilbert and Sullivan's newly-restored to the stage, will be disappointed, perhaps, that this *Ruddigore* is not even ruddier than the cherry. But Ian Judge has provided New Sadler's Wells Opera with a production that should satisfy any audience which knows that it is by style alone that present-day G & S stands or falls.

After recent *Iolanthes* and *Mikados* which take to updating rather well, it is nevertheless refreshing, even elating, to find that G & S can still work so well-played, so straight.

Judge has concentrated all his extravagance on the purely visual, and his designer Gerard Howland's beautifully



High style: Marilyn Hill Smith and David Hillman

detailed Victorian-theatre proscenium and curtain provide a disciplining frame for some delectable and efficiently rapid scene changes.

In the foreground of this theatre within a theatre, grouping is stylishly studied (the big ensembles have the appearance of the photographic group portraiture of the period), movement is deft and discreet and stillness put to frequent and fluttering use — at almost any moment, one could freeze the action and come out with a delightful still.

Given stage direction with such a keen eye for space and timing, and given the lithe springing orchestral support

which Simon Phipps conjures in the pit, not one of the cast has to try too hard. Marilyn Hill Smith, a proper "trim little prim little craft", holds everything and everyone together as Rose Maybud. Gordon Sandison and David Hillman flank her on either side as a Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd and a Richard Dauntless of vocal accomplishment; and Linda Ormiston's Mad Margaret from, it seems, Morningside, provides a nicely understated, truly comic eccentric.

The only slight disappointment is the casting of Harold Innocent as a less-than-dastardly Sir Despard.

Hilary Finch

The Mikado Coliseum

Laziridis's brilliant design — though perhaps the spirit of camp is not so different from that which animated the original.

Quite apart from questions of taste, a camped-up treatment has got to be polished so hard you can see your face in it. The obvious parallel here is Ken Russell's film of *The Boyfriend*, which revisited the period with far more outrageousness and vim. Of course, these things are more difficult to achieve in the theatre, but too often in this revival the mask slips, and there is always the score, nobly directed by Martin Handley, to suggest that there may be some real sentimentality around. Perhaps, like Mr Russell, Dr Miller should

have had the music re-orchestrated by Peter Maxwell Davies.

Among the newcomers to the cast are Susan Bullock, who moves up the ladder from Peep-Bo to Yum-Yum and has the mannerisms of the silver-screen sweetheart to awful perfection, though the matching vowels get a little in the way of her singing; Bouventura Bottoms, the surviving Nanki-Poo, proves that pliancy can be adapted to lyrical ardour. Ann Howard points, fumes and storms about the stage as Katsusha, and there are benign cameos from two other stalwarts of this company, Eric Shilling as Pish-Tash and Dennis Wicks as the Mikado. Richard Van Allan repeats his Whitehall Posh-Bah, and Ethna Robinson moves towards a warm and witty Pitt-Sing.

Paul Griffiths

OPERA

Die Zauberflöte
Covent Garden

icate more openly with the audience if he is to follow in the footsteps of Schikaneder, the original, popularist Papageno.

Of those who have been seen before, the most accomplished is Angela Maria Blasi, a bright-toned soprano who should make a fine Pamina when she has looked more deeply into the role's most intimate feelings. Robert Lloyd repeated his dignified Sarastro, but Robin Leggate is now a weak Tamino, ungainly in voice, plebeian in demeanour.

New faces among the smaller roles included Jane Eaglen and Jean Rigby joining an unusually powerful trio of ladies, and an attractive

Papagena in Judith Howarth. Penelope Wainwright-Clark has all the notes in the soprano range for the Queen of the Night, and in the second of her two arias, some of the theatrical fire.

It was hardly her fault that the first went for little, when the introduction from the pit had been so limp, an all-too-characteristic example of the negative influence placed over the proceedings by the conductor, Peter Schneider. Under sharper direction, with an innate feeling for the sublime and dramatic in Mozart's score, this very able cast might have proved altogether more inspiring.

The surtitles — valid in this opera, above all — caused much amusement, not least when the translation was misleading. A Papageno who is delighted to find that a girl has "hair eyes, and lips" must have some funny ideas about human physiognomy.

Richard Fairman

Sparky chemistry

THEATRE

Fascinating Aida
Piccadilly

Like Instant Sunshine, Richard Stilgoe and Victoria Wood, this sparky female trio cut their professional teeth by turning out topical songs for radio chat shows, and in their case the experience has left its mark. Shedding and replacing two members along the way, they are still producing material that could plug a gap during a discussion of Aids or Yuppies; and still peppering hardy old targets like trendy liberals and the gentrification of Stoke Newington that lie safely within the breakfast-time guidelines of Radio 4.

They are an extremely talented group. But, as songwriters, they do have a way of seizing on some defensible topic and hammering it remorselessly into the ground. As a group, however, they are much better than their material. Musically they comprise two able pianists, and three voices which are not only trained but full of character. You get their measure in the unaccompanied opening number, a three-part baroque setting of the words "very very boring" in which Denise Wharmby's glass-splintering soprano and Adele Anderson's near baritone blend in an ensemble that is blissfully funny because it is technically as proficient as the



Triple talent: Anderson (top), Wharmby (centre) and Keane

music it is satirizing. There are some powerful numbers, like a "Jealousy" trio, that leave Radio 4 far behind; and others, like a gloriously rude catalogue of "Taboos", when they surrender to a raucous vamp, gleefully aware that they are on to a good thing.

Whatever the quality of the material, what counts most is the accompanying chemistry. It may take the form of rivalry

between singer and pianist, as in a chunk of mock Lehar coloratura with the accompanist — Dillie Keane — finally getting the bouquet. If they could discard routine subjects in favour of their more personal kind of comedy, *Fascinating Aida* could develop into a corporate equivalent to *Bea Lillie*.

Irving Wardle

The Alchemist Royal Exchange, Manchester

performances, however, the aptest costumes quickly become decorative. Several of the cast, striking a character note early on, then find themselves at a loss to vary or advance from it. This would be fatal in any Ben Jonson work but is particularly so in this where the rogues and fools are nothing but examples of roguery and folly, and what happens changes nobody.

Yet within the confines of their roles details of personality could be developed. This is not what Gregory Hersov achieves by keeping too slavishly to the principle of "When in doubt, shout". This

fault is present from the start, in the virtually unplayable scene where Subtle (Michael Feast) and his partner, Face (Jonathan Hackett) interminably curse each other. Start at the peak and there is nowhere loftier to go.

That said, Michael Feast finds considerable comedy in Subtle's later antics, swooping on victims like Kenny Everett playing Dracula. His final rage after being cheated contains something of Malvolio's compressed bitterness.

In the second half the pace slackens, though the crowd of impatient clients gives the action the potential for farce. The laughter still comes but there is some relief when the end does likewise.

Jeremy Kingston

REVIEW

Lovers, spies and seducers

PAPERBACKS

The Adventures of Robina by Emma Tennant (Faber, £2.95)

Robina is a Scottish orphan, sent south in the late 1950s to be presented at the court of Queen Elizabeth. She tells her story in the style of the virtuous heroines of the 18th century as she falls prey to the most unscrupulous seducers. Emma Tennant cleverly adapts to the tone and style of Fanny Hill's era, to describe the world of Oxford and Sloane Square on the eve of the Profumo affair. Scenes and events tumble about in a mad rush of narrative, and the reader is swept from one entanglement to another with barely a pause between. Sometimes one attempted seduction seems much like another.

Other halves by Sue McCauley (Sceptre, £3.95)

Liz, a woman in her thirties, is living a life of conventional wifehood, but suffering for it. She might have been a Fay Weldon woman except that, unlike them, she fails in energy and is admitted to a psychiatric hospital where she meets a 16-year-old Maori boy, unemployed, uneducated and shiffling in a world of hard drugs, police harassment and casual crime.

Initially, these two people seem hardly real to each other, but as Liz's marriage collapses she is left in a space which Tug begins, erratically, to fill. He

changes both her life and her view of the rules and taboos of society, which previously she had not questioned.

Sue McCauley's skill lies in the way she shows one sort of love change into another. At first Tug is a child to Liz's mothering, then sex takes over. The relationship seems hopelessly unequal except on sexual terms, but gradually the balance shifts. When stripped of her middle-class security and experiencing real poverty, Liz begins to lose her bearings.

On the other hand, Tug's natural dignity and streetwise humour develop a strength on which she comes to depend. It is an honest exposure — and a clear defeat — of our accepted prejudices.

Today and Tomorrow by Mandy Rice Davies (Sphere, £2.50)

A girl called Amethyst, lots of sex, spies, international terrorists, and a few sleek politicians. It's a good enough formula.

Most of the action takes place in the restaurants of smart hotels or on the telephone, and no one ever has time to question the delights of jet-setting power.

Oddly, the formula works. In spite of the rather confusing style of narrative that switches without warning from one side to the other, the glamour of the fantasy just about carries one through to the last page.

Fortunately there is no development of character to make things more complicated. The characters have emotions that lead to impetuous action, but they do not have much time for thought.

Anne Barnes

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Verdi: La forza del destino. Freni/Domingo/Zaccanaro. Scala Orch. & Chorus/Muti. EMI CDS 7 47485 8 (3 CDs) Decca.

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The overture tells quite a lot of the story. Verdi's introduction to Forza in the concert hall is too often used as a piece of orchestral razzle-dazzle.

In the hands of La Scala's players and their new music director, Riccardo Muti, it sums up Verdi's mixture of aggression and reflection, vengeance and piety. But most of all the onward push, always a feature of Verdi, shows this as an opera of pursuit: Don Carlo's determination to get the man, Don Alvaro, who was responsible for killing his father.

The feeling of Forza properly played — and it could not be more properly played than in this partnership between Muti and La Scala, as dramatic as it is majestic — is that of a classic Western. The crux of the opera comes in the confrontations between tenor and baritone, notably in Act III on the battlefield by Verdi.

Plácido Domingo, recording Alvaro for the second time (the first was for RCA under Levine), puts on his darkest voice, suggesting that life for Verdi's hero is pretty much hell.

"La vita è inferno", Alvaro complains bitterly and Domingo gives this aria its fullest weight, with no hint of the shoulder-shrugging in the earlier RCA version. It is a reminder that Alvaro is one of Domingo's finest roles, as



Paris was fortunate enough to find out during the Liebermann regime there.

Giorgio Zaccanaro as Don Carlo, his adversary and pursuer, has rarely sounded better on record. Under Muti's tuition, presumably, the blandness in the baritone has been replaced by something fiercer and more theatrical, as witness "Urna fatale", again from this resplendent third act, with Muti pulling out all the stops and the Scala strings excelling themselves.

The supporting male cast is satisfactory rather than inspired: Paul Plishka as a pillar of slightly tedious rectitude as the Padre Guardiano and Sesto Bruscantini, the voice a little frayed nowadays, bumbling away as Fra Melitone. Bases for the Italian rep-

ertoire are not in long supply nowadays.

The reservations about the set are likely to centre on the two female leads. Mirella Freni has not sung Leonora on stage and she does not sound a natural for the role: the soprano is now a bit too mature and she cannot command the soaring phrases that Leontyne Price sent heavenwards in her heyday.

But Freni is never less than the complete musician and this heavyweight Leonora is a proper partner for Domingo's Alvaro. It is also a reminder that in the past sopranos with plenty of meat in the voice were favoured for the part: proof of this comes from Ponselle and Milanov, featured as Leonora in a massive compilation from EMI's

French arm, Les Introuvables du Chant Verdien (2910753 PM683). Dolora Zajac, a newish name on the international circuit, is a routine Preziosilla who has some way to go before effacing the memory of Cossetto.

The sound quality on both black disc and CD, which has just arrived, is excellent, even on the tightly-packed last side of the conventional record. But a word of warning: a rival Forza under Sinopoli is due from DG in late spring.

A sneak eavesdropping on a couple of tracks suggest this will be a rather different interpretation with Carreras and Pavarotti taking a lighter approach to the separated lovers. As in the case of Macbeth a few years back, a relatively neglected Verdi op-

era (as far as recordings are concerned) may suddenly find itself with two highly recommendable sets.

No immediate competition is on the way, to my knowledge, to put against EMI's new Fiedermans: a highly — and rightly — convivial issue with Domingo doubling up as conductor and the tenor Alfred, who gives everyone within earshot a snatch of aria or recitative at the first opportunity. "Son qui", he shouts, echoing Mario Cavardossi, and indeed Alfred has plenty of prominence, even turning up at Orlofsky's Act II party in the guise of Domingo himself to sing the Waltz Song from *Eine Nacht in Venedig*.

It is a delight to hear some new and appealing voices among the familiar ones, notably Peter Seiffert as a poised and nonchalant Eisenstein and the young Eva Lind as a tarty Adele, who will clearly do anything for a little advancement.

Seiffert is particularly impressive with Lucia Popp (Rosinthe) in the duet from *Der Zigeunerbaron*, "Wer uns getraut", another Orlofsky-Strauss party piece, sung in so slow and dreamy a way that the champagne has clearly dug deep into everyone's veins. As Orlofsky himself, Agnes Balza delivers one of her fruitiest interpretations.

There will be complaints that the set is not particularly Viennese — the Ida is a notable exception — and that some of the dialogue is poorly delivered and balanced. But the cast sound as though they had fun in and around the recording studios and having a good time is the very essence of a successful *Fiedermans*. And that is exactly what EMI have achieved.

John Higgins

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Traviata travesty?

News of a dramatic fracas reaches me from the Zurich Opera, where Romanian soprano Ileana Cotribas ended a performance of *La Traviata* by publicly denouncing the production at her solo curtain call. She said she was ashamed of French stage director Nicholas Joel's production which debased Verdi's work and disgraced the opera house. The packed audience applauded her speech but there were heated exchanges backstage. Opera director Christoph Großer said she was no doubt too conservative for the production, and he would have treated her statement with greater respect had she donated her fee to charity.

Rueful rivalry

David Puttnam finds himself having to compete with his own success. The good news is that *The Mission*, which he co-produced for Goldcrest, has just received seven Oscar nominations. The bad news is that it is being released in the USA by Warner Brothers — Puttnam now works for rival Columbia Pictures. His rueful comment: "I feel like the answer to a Trivial Pursuits question."

Stepping out

The Arts Council is evidently more appreciative of Michael Clark as a dancer. After asking him to select and tour a selection of contemporary art, it announced it was scrapping the grant for his dance company (£15,000 last



year). However, his expertise in the visual arts was rewarded with £200. News of the council's refusal of funds to another dancer, Gaby Agis, came at an inauspicious moment — on the same day she was a guest at Number 10 at a reception for leading British artists.

British clarinetist Gervase de Peyer may thank technology and a resourceful wife for rescuing his recent London premiere of a sonata by Miklos Rozsa. On the eve of the Wigmore Hall concert, he discovered that he had left the music in New York. Wife Katia saved the day, beaming it to him by facsimile machine. He says the worst bit was sticking all the photocopies together.

Squeal appeal

Following Barbican warnings about bleeping digital watches comes an unhappy tale from Snape Maltings about screaming keyrings — the kind that signal their whereabouts in response to a vocal appeal. During a recent recital by Dame Janet Baker, the singer and her audience were blitzed by one of these things answering back whenever the appropriate fortissimo was reached.

Richard Williams

Gavin Bell

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1188

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, February 26. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, February 28.

ACROSS

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Checked (6)

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Front (6)

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Plunder (4)

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Remorseful (8)

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Suffocation (12)

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Dissemination (6)

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Junkie (6)

San Diego observatory (5,7)

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Proper (8)

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Make evident (6)

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SOLUTIONS TO NO 1187
ACROSS: 1 Brazil 4 Gibbet 7 Icon 8 Talisman 9 Dropped 11 Quire 12 Paul Torville 15 Other 16 Improb 20 Cascomb 21 Neon 22 Rehearsal 23 Effort
DOWN: 1 Build up 2 A gogo 3 Little 4 Gilt 5 Bambino 6 Tinge 10 Pater 11 Quest 13 Unhitch 14 Retinue 15 Occur 17 Noble 18 Obese 19 Loch

The winners of prize concise NO 1182 are: Mr E.T. Barron, Compton Way, Olivers Battery Winchester, and Mrs M. Phillips, Colica Farm, Trelowth, St Austell, Cornwall.

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SOLUTION TO NO 1182 (last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Canon 4 Rebuff 7 Fohn 8 Vitality 9 Cavalry twill 15 Viscid 16 Croquet 17 Will-o'-the-wisp 23 Scenario 24 Dale 25 Hymanal 26 Haugen
DOWN: 1 Cafe 2 Rehearsal 3 Navel 4 Ratty 5 Below 6 Fatal 10 Amigo 11 Throw 12 Incessant 13 Lied 14 Avow 15 Itchy 19 Lichen 20 Tyrol 21 Epoch 22 Lean

New Fur wrapping

ROCK RECORDS

Psychedelic Furs: Midnight to Midnight (CBS 4502581)
Georgia Satellites: Georgia Satellites (Elektra 960 496-1)

The fact that the best track on Midnight to Midnight is a song originally recorded six years ago, tends to highlight the Psychedelic Furs as a band who have pulled ahead more through perseverance than by their occasional flashes of inspiration.

The related success of "Pretty in Pink" has however crystallized the group's desire to cash in their long-term cult following for a more substantial audience, and the result is an album rather like Iggy Pop's *Blah Blah Blah*, insofar as it is a collection of heavily stylized mid-field rock aimed

squarely, one suspects, at the American market.

Chris Kinsey's widescreen production offers an unrelieved fullness of sound that gives little scope for such melodies as there are to breathe, and Richard Butler's cracked sub-Bowie voice is in any case rarely able to carry much of a tune. "Heartbreak Beat" and "Angels Don't Cry" rely instead on his throaty portrayal of vague angst, and the wallop of a big drum, guitar and sax sound.

Georgia Satellites have also found success in America with old material, much of their eponymous debut was initially released after the band had split up in 1984. The group, which has since hastily reconvened, managed to sound like the early Rolling Stones without copying their material per se.



Cult following: stage Richard Butler of Psychedelic Furs

Thick wedges of guitar pound out the two-chord sequence of "Battleship Chains" without particular elan, and the Stewart/Wood charmer "Every Picture Tells a Story" is dusted down in similar style.

David Sinclair

A voyage of discovery

JAZZ RECORDS

Atlantic Jazz (Atlantic 781 712-1, 15 discs)

established his credentials with A & M's glorious white-label Hot Jazz Red subsidiary in the 1970s, brings an outsider's objectivity and a fan's enthusiasm to the catalogue built by Ertegan and his colleagues. Those familiar with the Atlantic legacy will know to expect the likes of John Coltrane's "Giant Steps", Charles Mingus's "Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting", the MJQ's "Django" and Ornette Coleman's "Eventually"; these are among the cornerstones of jazz. Elsewhere, though, are dusty gems to

delight the most jaded connoisseur.

Who remembers the Teddy Charles Quintet's brilliant reading of George Russell's provocative "Lydian M-1", or the Harold Land/Red Mitchell Quintet's scintillating "Triple A Whistle"? What happened to the underdog pianist Hassan Ibn Ali after his single 1964 recording session with Max Roach, commemorated here by "Almost Like Me"?

Why didn't Philly Joe Jones's quintet, which blazes through "Salt Peanuts", become one of the idiom's most popular groups? And, for heaven's sake, was there a finer trumpeter in the early 1950s than the mysterious Tony Frasca, who combined the tragic poetry of Chet

Baker with the polished elegance of Bobby Hackett in a quartet treatment of "Till Be Seeing You"?

And so on. The 141 tracks are neatly divided into genres, from *New Orleans* (a weakness — Atlantic was born too late to catch the cream) to *Fusion* (a decent enough survey of Zawinul, Ponty, Cobham and so on). *Be-bop* was never among the label's specialties, and the disc titled *Introspection* might have been devoted to the Tristano school rather than to Corea, Jarrett and Burton.

But *Soul*, full of organ-and-tenor blues, opens one of Atlantic's main arteries, as does *Singin'*, which ranges from Ray Charles's down-home "Hard Times" to the bohemian sophistication of Ornette Coleman's "Lonely Woman". Mose Allison's sly "Your Mind is on Vacation" has long been a personal favourite, while Peggy Lee's glowing "Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight" alone justifies the life and career of its composer, James Taylor.

At about £40 for 10 hours of mostly first-category music, lovingly packaged, this splendid example of the anthologist's art is particularly recommended to those embarking on the voyage of discovery.

Richard Williams

BRIDGE

When diamonds are not forever

Recognition presents a recurrent problem for the average bridge player. "If only the wretched hand had looked like a cross ruff," lamented declarer, after failing on this admittedly tricky little number.

Rubber Bridge. Love All Dealer North

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| ♠ 8755 | ♠ K109 | ♠ 432 | ♠ A109 |
| ♥ A655 | ♥ 742 | ♥ 1098 | ♥ A109 |
| ♦ KQ | ♦ A109 | ♦ 8755 | ♦ 432 |
| ♣ 1098 | ♣ 8755 | ♣ 432 | ♣ A109 |

North-South cannot be accused of underbidding. South played low on the first trick, which East won with the ♠K. East continued with the ♠Q, which South won in dummy with the ♠A. After successfully finessing the ♠Q and

cashing the ♠A, South permitted himself a premature word of self-congratulation on his enterprise. Surely all that remained in order to score his thin game was to ruff dummy's two losing diamonds.

He crossed to dummy with the ♠K, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a diamond in hand. But when he tried to re-enter dummy with the ♠K, East meantly won with the ♠A and cashed the ♠K to leave South at trick short.

Did you spot declarer's mistake? It occurred at trick two. So that he could go about his business uninterrupted, he must conserve his entries to dummy. Had he won the second trick with his ♠Queen of Hearts he would later have been able to enjoy his diamond ruff without allowing East to draw that fatal third round of trumps.

At trick three he crosses to dummy with the ♠K to finesse the ♠Q, cashes the ♠A and goes back to dummy with the ♠A to ruff a diamond. The ♠A is still there to provide an entry to ruff the last diamond.

A more difficult example of the "concealed cross ruff" appears in *Positive Declarers* Play by Terence Reese and Julian Pottinger (Victor Gollancz, £7.95, paperback £4.95).

North-South game. Dealer South.

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| ♥ A763 | ♥ K109 | ♥ 8755 | ♥ 432 |
| ♦ A763 | ♦ K109 | ♦ 8755 | ♦ 432 |
| ♣ 1098 | ♣ 8755 | ♣ 432 | ♣ A109 |

CHESS

Logic of a master

Continuing my occasional series on challengers for the world title who failed to become world champion, a special niche of honour is occupied by Dr Siebert. Tarrasch.

Born in Breslau in 1862, Tarrasch was almost certainly the world's strongest player in the early 1890s. Unfortunately, he omitted to issue a challenge to the ageing Steinitz and when Em. Lasker seized the chess throne in 1894, Tarrasch's imperial dream evaporated.

By his extensive writings and logical play, Tarrasch influenced "all subsequent generations of German masters. Champions such as Unzicker and Hübner are clearly to be numbered in the classical Tarrasch mould.

The following game and notes are based on those in *World Chess Championship — Steinitz to Alekhine*, by Pablo Moran (Batsford £12.95). This excellent and fascinating volume contains all world championship games played in pre-FIDE days (from 1886-1937) and includes hundreds of games by such giants as Steinitz, Zukertort, Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine...

Tarrasch won three games in his match with Lasker and drew five. However, Lasker demonstrated his complete dominance of world chess at that time by scoring eight wins himself.

White: Em. Lasker. Black: Siebert Tarrasch
World Championship, Dusseldorf 1908 (game 3) Ruy Lopez

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| 1 e4 | e5 | 2 Nc3 | Nc6 |
| 3 Bb5 | b6 | 4 Bb4 | Nb6 |
| 5 O-O | Ba7 | 6 Ra1 | b5 |
| 7 Ba3 | a8 | 8 c3 | Na5 |
| 9 Bc2 | c5 | 10 d4 | Qa7 |
| 11 Nbd2 | Nc5 | 12 K3 | O-O |
| 13 Nf1 | exd4 | 14 cxd4 | Nxd4 |
| 15 Nc4 | exd4 | 16 Ng3 | Nd7 |

SECRET



FILMS

HORROR STORY: Ken Russell may be 60 this July but there is no sign in *Gothic* (18) that he will ever calm down. This new film, written by Stephen Volk, takes as its starting point the stormy gathering at Byron's Villa Diodati which inspired Mary Godwin's *Frankenstein*. The actors involved include Gabriel Byrne (Byron), Natasha Richardson (Mary) and Julian Sands (Shelley), though scenes are regularly stolen by lightning, leeches, phallic armour and female automatons. Lumiere (01-836 0691), from Friday.

DANCE

SPRING LOADED: Several American choreographers not previously seen in London — one group Mon, Tues, and another group Fri plus Feb 28. Also visiting are La Dux, a duo from Barcelona. Locals include DVB tonight and a collaboration of black dance and live jazz. Thurs. *The Place* (01-287 0061) 8pm

ROYAL BALLET: Four performances of *La Fille Mal Gardée*, to be led by Rosalyn Whittan this afternoon, Wendy Ellis tonight, Lesley Collier (Wed) and Fiona Chadwick (Thurs).

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (01224 10867) 7.30-9.40pm, matinee 2.30-4.40pm.

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: *Coppelia* at Aberdeen today; then to Manchester with *The Snow Queen* (Tues-Thurs) and a mixed bill featuring *Checkmate* (Fri and Feb 28).

His Majesty's, Aberdeen (0224 641122) 2.30-4.45pm, 7.45-10.15pm. The Theatre Royal, Manchester (0161 236 9822) 7.30, matinees Wed 2pm, Sat 2.30pm.

EXTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: New works by American choreographers Viola Farber and David Gordon

BOOKINGS

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FIRST CHANCE

SOUTH BANK: April concerts include Bach's *St John* and *St Matthew* Passions, with Bach Choir and English Chamber Orchestra. Also first performance of Bernard Rands' *Requiescant* and farewell recital to mark retirement of organist Ralph Downes.

THE CHANCE

SOUTH BANK CONCERT HALLS. London SE1 (01-928 3191) (01-282 8800 credit cards, 01-282 8810 American Express). Advance postal booking now open. General booking from March 3 (postal and personal) and March 4 (phone).

HASLEMERE FESTIVAL: Booking opens Monday for Dolmetsch Foundation members. Includes concerts to celebrate centenaries of Debussy and Karl Abel and *Peeps at Pops*, an evening of entertainment in costume from Restoration London. July 17-25. Public booking from March 8.

Haslemere Hall, Haslemere, Surrey (0428 2161).

KODU: Drummers from Japan perform *One Earth Tour*, with other Japanese instruments. March 18-23.

Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916).

ALDBURGH FESTIVAL: Bookings for packages combining transport and accommodation with concerts. June.

Aldbrough Foundation, High

LAST CHANCE

STRAVINSKY PLUS: Festival ends tomorrow with Stravinsky concert featuring Dukes String Quartet.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-683 4141).

ANIMAL FARM: Last performances today of Peter Hall's National Theatre production. 2pm and 7.15pm.
Olivier Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

THE FIFTEEN STREETS: Last performance of Bob Bettinson's adaptation of Olive Rookson story.
Belgrade Theatre, Coventry (0223 553055).

Theatre: Tony Patrick and Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Television: Sinclair and Films on Video: Peter Waymark; Rock: David Radziak; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Photography: Michael Young; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

Counting on escapism

ing-room comedies. "All the blood and guts were taken out, so now have to recognize more about the mental and social background from which they evolved."

Then, as now, there was plenty to escape from. Is today's *Count* an exercise in escapism? "Oh yes. And I'm unashamedly in favour of it. I couldn't survive without it!"

This week Douglas is, believe it or not, commuting between London and Glasgow to sing in one of opera's darkest dramas, Janáček's *From the House of the Dead*. "Britten, Berg, Janáček all recognized the need to escape. Billy Budd's monologue is a form of escapism too. In listening to that, you are living for that moment, a vicarious emotional life..."

Hilary Finch

The Count of Luxembourg will open at the Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) on Thursday, Until March 14.

PHOTOGRAPHY

LIFE AND LANDSCAPE:
Photographer, writer and naturalist Peter Henry Emerson's somewhat romantic view of rural life in East Anglia between 1885 and 1900.
Mead Gallery, Arts Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203 523523).
Opens today, until March 21.

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